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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Vyshinsky Replies

NO one, except the Russians and their mentally conditioned satellites, will be misled by Mr. Vyshinsky's childish theatrical attempt before the General Assembly's Political Committee to demonstrate that the Communists alone desire an end to hostilities in Korea. His rhetorical "Hands up those who want an end to the Korean war" was, in fact, the measure of his ability to answer the charges which Mr. Cabot Lodge had categorically laid against Soviet Russia in the General Assembly. Even his admission that Russia was supplying war weapons to the Chinese Communist armies carried with it no sense of guilt; the "fact is on the record" and he shrugged it off with a "let's forget about it" attitude as though it was of no consequence. Nevertheless, it was a confession, however airily made, which confirmed the accusations levelled by the United States against Russia, and rendered puerile Mr. Vyshinsky's subsequent denial that his country was in any way responsible for continuation of the conflict in Korea. Without being provided with adequate war weapons the Chinese Communists would not have dared intervene in North Korea; and much less could they have sustained their fighting strength. The indictment against Russia has been substantiated by her own chief spokesman at the General Assembly.

BUT this, while important, does nothing to break the Korean deadlock. Mr. Vyshinsky has no new proposals to make, while the 54 members of the United Nations who approved of the Indian plan for settling the POW dispute which remains the only major obstacle to conclusion of an armistice, have no intention of departing from the basic principles embodied in the Indian proposals. It has been urged again by several UN delegates that renewed endeavours should be made to convince the Chinese Communists of the sincerity of purpose behind that peace offer, and because, short of trying to obtain a decisive end to the conflict through military operations, this offers itself as the only hope of securing an armistice, the suggestion commands itself. It is a task, however, which must fall to India, the one influential nation outside the Communist bloc which has direct diplomatic contact on an acceptable level with the Peking Government. The prospects of positive results may be remote, yet the effort should not be discouraged. To deny there is any room for further exploration of Communist China's willingness to acknowledge the United Nations' genuine desire to end the war in Korea is, in effect, to admit there is no longer any chance of a negotiated armistice. Such a proposition cannot yet be accepted.

Commons Approves The Queen's Titles

The House of Commons, overruling Scottish objections, tonight finally passed a bill through all its stages approving the Royal styles and titles by which Queen Elizabeth II will be known after her Coronation on June 2.

Several Scottish members, followed by Mr. Emyr Hughes, a Welsh sympathiser, walked out of the chamber as a protest. They objected to the Queen being called Elizabeth II because Scotland has never had a monarch of that name before and the 16th century Elizabeth was Queen only of England. They proposed to reject the bill because it did not provide for "an historically accurate Royal title for Scotland."

500 ARRESTED IN TEHERAN

Calm Restored Claims Radio PLOT AGAINST GOVERNMENT

Teheran, Mar. 3.

A total of 500 people were arrested in Teheran today, it was learned here tonight. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadeq was understood to have decided to leave to Parliament a certain degree of freedom to settle recent incidents on condition that the house agreed to help Mossadeq to "neutralise" trouble-making. Dr. Mossadeq in such case would not call for a vote of confidence but would extend the three-day time limit he had originally set for settlement of the present crisis.

This would give negotiators time to resume contacts with the royal court in an effort to smooth the recent conflict between the Shah and the Prime Minister.

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The radio said that the Parliamentary meeting scheduled for today had to be adjourned for lack of a quorum but deputies of the Iranian National Front had met privately to study the situation.

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The Communists, seizing the struggle between the Shah and Premier Mossadeq as an opportunity for anti-imperialist and anti-monarchist propaganda, tried to hold their demonstration today in defiance of a ban by Foreign Minister Hussein Fatemi.—Reuter.

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Mr Churchill Says 'Thank You'



Canal Zone Talks Postponed

London, Mar. 3.

Britain has postponed until next week the opening of formal discussions in Cairo on the future of the Canal Zone and of British forces in Egypt to allow for prior Anglo-American consultations in Washington, authoritative sources said today.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, now on his way to the United States, was understood to be seeking close alignment of Anglo-American views on Middle Eastern policy before embarking on full negotiations with Egypt which are to involve evacuation of the British forces.

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Debate On Korea Ends Today

Indian Proposal Supported

United Nations, Mar. 3.

The United Nations Political Committee was warned today that the list of speakers in the Committee's debate on Korea would be closed at 11 p.m., GMT tomorrow—and that the debate will end after those speeches.

The warning came from the Committee Chairman, Senator Carlos Manuel of Brazil, who said that he would follow the list strictly after it was closed.

Earlier delegates from Holland and Peru declared that the United Nations General Assembly should stand on the Indian resolution for solving the Korean armistice deadlock.

The resolution, adopted by the General Assembly in December and rejected by the Communists, dealt with the deadlocked prisoner of war issue, saying there should be no forcible repatriation.

TURNED DOWN

Dr. Joseph Luns, the Dutch Foreign Minister Without Portfolio, said the overwhelming majority of the United Nations had offered a just and honourable basis for ending the war, but had been turned down.

The Assembly "must reaffirm its unflinching determination to remain strong and united in a just cause," he said.

Dr. Victor Delaunay of Peru said the Indian resolution should be "a light which mankind holds aloft in the hope that the beams may penetrate the Iron Curtain and enter the minds of the Russian people."

He opposed Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Vyshinsky's proposal for an immediate ceasefire to be followed by a discussion on the prisoner issue.

"We say to the Soviet Union that we cannot give up our honour and our honour means not allowing the United Nations prisoners of war to remain in the hands of Communist forces."—Reuter.

Python Drags Baby From Mother

Darwin, Mar. 3.

A farm inspector today related a rancher's story of how a python had dragged a three-month-old baby from her sleeping mother's arms.

A. Quirk, rural inspector for a commercial firm, said that the tiny girl's father attacked the huge snake with a stick and freed the baby from the reptile's jaws.

Quirk said that the incident had occurred several days ago at the Ord River cattle station which is about 400 miles north-west of Darwin. He said that the rancher, Alex Scott, and his family had gone to the station to sell cattle. Scott had arisen early, leaving his wife and child, Kathleen, asleep.

When the mother awoke she reached for her child. She felt the baby's feet move away from her and then her hands touched the slithering python.

Scott heard his wife's screams and rushed back to the camp, finding ground and rescued his child. It was treated for fang marks on the face.—United Press.

Punjabis Demonstrate

Lahore, Mar. 3.

One person was killed and several others injured when police opened fire on crowds demonstrating against Pakistan Foreign Minister Zafarullah Khan and the Ahmadia sect to which he belongs, in two Punjab towns today.

A Punjab government announcement said a crowd in Sialkot "manhandled" a police sub-inspector and set four government vehicles on fire. They also stoned police.

The sub-inspector was reported to be dangerously ill. Police reinforcements were being sent out to the area.

In Gujranwala, police opened fire on demonstrators injuring some of them. There was no fatality.

The government announcement said the situation in Lahore was now under control and the demonstrators had been dispersed.

A number of arrests had been made.—Reuter.

Top Ranking Red Killed

Singapore, Mar. 3.

The commander of the First Communist Regiment in Malaya, Lau Cheng, who was concurrently State Committee member for South and West Selangor, was killed this morning when a terrorist camp in Kuala Lumpur was surprised by a combined patrol of Police and men of the 1st Bn Somerset Light Infantry.

The 32-year-old Hakka Chinese, Lau Cheng, had a \$75,000 (Straits) reward on his head and was the highest ranking Communist killed in Selangor since the beginning of Communist terrorism in Malaya. Before he went underground, Lau Cheng was a school teacher in Klang town near Kuala Lumpur and a former Chinese newspaper reporter.

Lieut. D. Goddard, who brought news of the action, said that the patrol found the camp in a swamp about three hours' march from a forward post. He said that in the engagement which followed complete surprise was achieved and Lau Cheng was mown down by a hail of automatic fire.

One other terrorist was killed. Six others surrendered, five of whom were women.

The presence of Lau Cheng indicated that the camp was the temporary headquarters of the 1st Communist Regiment.

Several terrorists who fled immediately after the attack were spotted, managed to escape and among them was Liew Eze-ook, Commander of the 1st Platoon, Fourth Company of the 1st Communist Regiment, an important aide of Lau Cheng.

A quantity of arms and ammunition, including two pistols, were captured.—United Press.

PRIEST WINS FORTUNE

Singapore, Mar. 4.

A Chinese Buddhist priest here—a recluse for 26 years—won a fat lottery prize on Tuesday and promptly threw away his saffron robes, bought a motorcar and opened a bar.

The priest, who is from Penang, North Malaya, won a \$250,000 prize in the "hundred characters" lottery.

He told a reporter that he gave up his priesthood because he found life "somewhat dull."

When fortune struck, the priest was living shut away from society in a Chinese temple on Penang Island. He plans to return to China soon, he said, "as a layman and a man of means."

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A President Casts Vote



The Catholic-Conservative People's Party won a "photo-finish" victory over the Socialists in Austria's general elections. They obtained 74 seats to 72 for the Socialists, League of Independence (Neo-Nazi) 14 and the People's Opposition (Communist) 4. President Theodor Körner is seen here as he casts his vote in Vienna.—Express Photo.

Queen Elizabeth Busiest Sovereign In British History

London, Mar. 3.
 As the Coronation approaches, Queen Elizabeth II's day is becoming increasingly crowded with work.
 She can probably claim to be the busiest Sovereign in Britain's history. For she is Queen of seven independent nations, as well as of a vast Colonial Empire, and also has the cares of a great household and a young family on her hands.

Already fears have been expressed by some medical authorities that the Queen may overtax her strength. She is strong, certainly, but she has shown that as far as possible she intends to carry out every duty which appears to offer some public good or which it is obvious the mass of the public looks to her to perform.
 These ideals of service may yet cause her to overtax her strength. Examination of a normal day's programme is sufficient to show

Commons Queries On Exports

London, Mar. 3.
 Brig. H. R. Mackeson, Secretary of State for Overseas Trade, told the House of Commons today that it was not possible to assess the precise effect on British exports of Australia's easing of import cuts.
 Mr. Mackeson said the easing of import cuts, just announced by Australia, were intended to add about £40,000,000 a year to Australian imports from non-dollar countries, excluding Japan.
 Mr. Nabarro said Mr. Mackeson should be more forthcoming about the carpet industry.
 He asked if it were a fact that 48 per cent of all carpet exports from this country went to Australia in 1951. What was the effect of the recent £40,000,000 increase announced on the carpet industry's exports? he asked.

The relaxations covered a large number of commodities and industries.
 Mrs. Barbara Castle, Labour, asked if the bulk of the imports resulting from the relaxation would be capital goods and raw materials.
 Mr. Mackeson in reply to other questions said he hoped the easing of Australian import cuts would benefit British exports.—Reuter.

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Rumanian Reds Complete A Far-Reaching Purge Of Party

Vienna, Mar. 3.
 A far-reaching, silent purge, which began early last Summer, has been completed in Rumania since the Parliamentary elections there on November 30 last, according to reports brought here by travellers.

The removal from office of the Jewish Ministers Vasile Luca, former Minister of Finance, and Ana Pauker, former Minister for Foreign Affairs, in the early Summer of 1952 marked the beginning of the purge, travellers say.

It continued during the selection of candidates for the new "Grand National Assembly", of whom 335 out of a total of 432 had never before been in Parliament, and reached its climax with the meeting of the Assembly on January 23 and 24.

During the final phase, some 25 per cent of the Ministers were removed from office after the new Government was approved by the Grand National Assembly on January 24, and 11 out of the 17 members of the Presidium of the Assembly, elected on the same day, were changed.

The new Grand National Assembly, which had been elected without opposition because not a single opposition candidate was allowed to stand, held its first meeting on January 23 and 24 this year.

Despite its 335 brand-new members, it carried through, in only two days, a large programme of business. Everything it did, including the election of officers, passing of laws, approval of the Government and the budget and so on, was done unanimously.

The changes in the composition of the new Assembly were designed, the travellers declare, to weed out all the "unreliable" and all relics of the Social-Democrats who helped to bring the Communists to power but are no longer trusted.

PUSHED THROUGH
 Official statements have shown that of the 423 members, 308 are members of the Communist-dominated "Rumanian Workers' Party". Few of them, however, belong to the hierarchy of the party.

There is a large contingent from the armed forces and the "mass organisations" (trade unions, peace movement, youth movement etc.) but there are also a few "individual deputies" who are mostly Stakhanovite workers, farmers from co-operative farms, school teachers and other professional workers.

Among those members who have disappeared from the Presidium of the Assembly are Mihai Moraru and Tanase Zaharia, both of Social-Democrat origin, who were both dropped from the Politburo of the Rumanian Workers' Party in May last year.

Of the new appointments Dimitru Coltu is a supplementary member of the Politburo and Mihai Muije a candidate member of the Central Committee of the Rumanian Workers' Party.

At the end of all the business, pushed through in only two days, the meeting was adjourned indefinitely, after giving the Government permission to carry on all work for the Assembly until it meets again.

But it is believed that the names of some of those purged will be heard again when, and if, Ana Pauker and Vasile Luca come up for trial.—Reuter.

Second 'Royal' Sturgeon

London, Mar. 3.
 A 96-pound "royal" sturgeon landed today by a Belgian trawler may be presented to Queen Elizabeth.

Every sturgeon caught around the shores of Britain is offered to the Sovereign, because King Edward II decided in the 14th Century that sturgeon should be royal fish as they were too good for the common people.
 The fish, which was sold in the market at Newlyn, Cornwall, for £12 10s, is the second to be caught this year.
 The Queen accepted the previous one.—Reuter.

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Former Mufti Invited By Soviet Russia?

Tel-Aviv, Mar. 3. Israeli newspapers gave prominence today to reports from Cairo that the former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin el-Husseini, had been invited to visit Moscow.

The invitation, in the name of Muslim dignitaries of the Soviet Union, was reported to have been delivered by the Russian Ambassador in Cairo, Semiyon Kozlov.

The report was given significance because it coincided with the arrival in Cairo of 19 Russian Muslim students to study at El-Azhar, the highest university in the Muslim world, and talk of a Soviet air service to Saudi Arabia where Russian Muslims wish to go for pilgrimages to Mecca.

Newspapers here also played up a report from Istanbul that the Turks were convinced of Soviet complicity in the recently discovered anti-Kemalist conspiracy which led to some arrests.—United Press.

GERMANY AND JAPAN MARKET

Düsseldorf, Mar. 3. West Germany this year has the best chance since the war of getting into the Japanese market in a really big way, Mr. Jiro Yamase, a leading Japanese industrialist, said here today.

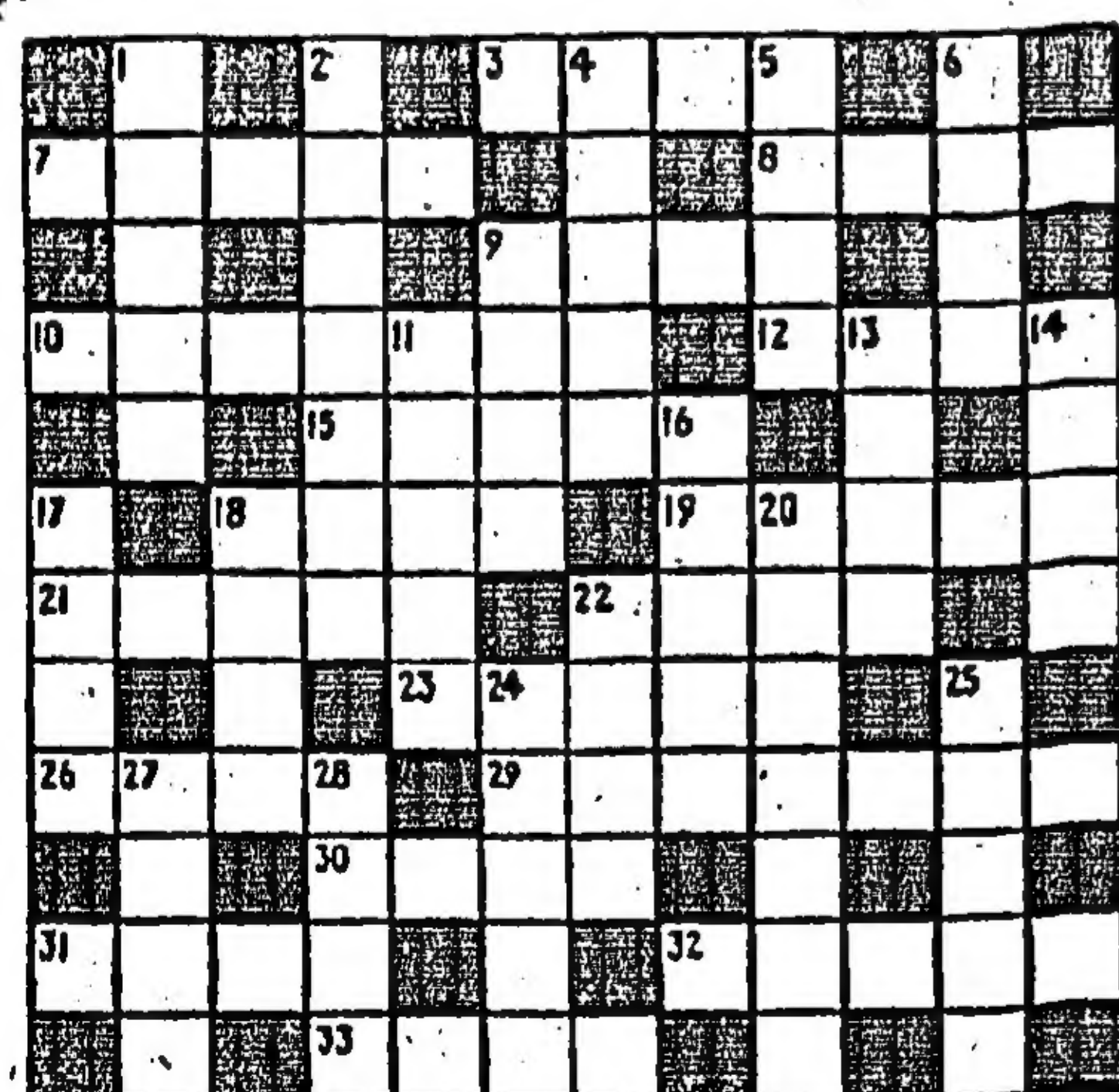
Interviewed before he left by plane for Paris after a one-week tour of West German industries, he said: "Close co-operation between Japan and Germany will help both countries to increase considerably their economic power."

Mr. Yamase, who is President of the Foreign Car Importers' Association of Japan, had conferred with many leading West German car producers and is convinced that German passenger cars are best suited for the Japanese market. They are superior to the British, French and Italian models, he thinks.

Well over a thousand German cars would reach Japan this year. The number would be much higher if the Japanese Government would allot more foreign currency.

Japanese demand for German passenger cars was immense, he added.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3 Young animal (4).
7 Hesitate (5).
8 Metal (4).
9 Burden (4).
10 Road (7).
12 Scrutinise (4).
15 Numeral (5).
16 Company (4).
18 Spoken eloquently (5).
21 Get up (3).
22 Check (4).
23 Vexes (5).
26 Stockings (4).
28 Infers (7).
30 Concoct (4).
31 Social centre (4).
32 Lure (5).
33 Ours (4).

DOWN

1 Provide for (5).
2 Declines to accept (7).
4 Residence (3).
5 Offers of price at auction (4).
6 Stupor (4).
9 Tax (4).
11 Cut apart (5).
13 Stuff (4).
14 Necessity (4).
16 Famous (5).
17 Incautious (4).
18 Prejudice (4).
20 Restarted (7).
22 Slaughtered (4).
24 Thoughtful (5).
25 Voice (5).
27 Lubricates (4).
28 Sinks (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Hectic, 7 Erin, 9 Eklot, 10 Audit, 11 Odds, 13 Reassemble, 15 Esme, 16 Rite, 18 Instant, 22 Lead, 24 Wile, 25 Irate, 26 Dean, 27 Talent. Down: 2 Extra, 3 Tella, 4 Claims, 5 Redolent, 6 Cite, 8 Rides, 12 Sent, 13 Rural, 14 Spending, 17 Tiana, 18 Potent, 20 Spill, 23 Again, 25 Ewes.

CLOSE VOTE IN U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE

Washington, Mar. 3.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today passed by eight votes to six a resolution accusing the Russians of violating wartime agreements by "forcible absorption of free peoples into aggressive despotisms."

The resolution also declared that the Russians had perverted understandings to bring about the subjugation of free peoples.

An amendment was included pronouncing that World War II agreements with Russia were still open to question.

The resolution also expressed the "hope that the peoples who have been subjected to the captivity of Soviet despotism shall again enjoy the right of self-determination."

President Eisenhower and the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, have asked for overwhelming approval of the resolution.

Mr. Dulles has said that any sizable opposition in Congress would make it impossible for the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee had already approved it in the form submitted by the State Department.

Senator Robert Taft, the Republican leader, said the measure would probably be brought before the Senate next week.

He did not know whether today's split vote before the Committee would be reflected in opposition in the Senate itself.

"A NEGATION"

Six Democratic members of the Committee today voted against both an amendment to the original resolution submitted by the State Department and against sending the measure on to the Senate.

Senator Walter George (Democrat, Georgia) told reporters

British Everest Expedition

Khatmandu, Mar. 3. Colonel John Hunt, leader of Britain's Everest expedition, arrived here by air today. He is expected to start the trek to the foot of the mountain within the next 10 days.

Nepalese Sherpa (guide-climber) Tensing, who took part in both the Swiss expeditions last year, is due on Wednesday with a group of Sherpas to join the British party.—Associated Press.

he regarded the amendment inserted in the Bill by the votes of seven Republicans and Senator Guy Gillette (Democrat, Iowa) as "a negation of the whole resolution."

The amendment said: "The adoption of this resolution does not constitute any determination by the Congress as to the validity or invalidity of any of the provisions of the said agreements or understandings."

It was designed to meet demands by some Republicans that the resolution made it clear that Congress was not affirming any of the "Big Three" agreements made by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt or the Potsdam Agreement approved by President Truman.—Reuter.

U.N. CHARTER

Washington, Mar. 3. Chairman Alexander Wiley of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said today that Congress should give careful thought to seeking revisions of the United Nations Charter.

The Wisconsin Republican, in a speech prepared for the World Leadership Conference sponsored by the American Association for the United Nations, said that one long overdue change would be to eliminate the veto on such subjects as the admission of countries to membership and the election of the Secretary-General. But, he said, the United States should not rush into Charter changes without considering all of their consequences.

Mr. Wiley said that it would be easier to win Congressional support of the United Nations if its members would comply with the change to let spirit be shipped to Red China, so long as a single tyro... then the plous words which have been passed will be regarded as mockery," he said.

He said it was hard to ask the American people to support the United Nations "so long as there is continued greedy trade with the very men who are killing the sons of our countrymen and the sons of British and French and South Korean mothers and of all nations which are participating in the struggle."—United Press.

DUKE AT STUDENTS' HOSTEL

London, Mar. 3. The Duke of Edinburgh today visited the Alliance Club London's newest residential hostel for students of all nationalities.

Unlike other clubs, this one takes students from outside the Commonwealth, though the latter preponderate. It is run by the World Evangelical Alliance, an inter-denominational missionary Society supported by many Protestant Churches.

Twenty-five students live at the Club, which consists of two four-storey Georgian houses in Bedford Place, in the student quarter of London beside the University's main buildings and the British Museum.

For 73/8d. a week a student can have a single bedroom with hot and cold running water and a radio set, breakfast and dinner throughout the week, with mid-day meals included on Saturdays and Sundays.

Among the students presented to the Duke were two Ceylonese brothers from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia—James and Matthew Ponnampalam, both studying medicine.

Three Malay students will be among 25 newcomers when the Alliance Club organizes open-air sports this month.—Reuter.

Juliana Serves Children



A large number of children evacuated from the Netherlands flood areas are being entertained at the Soesdijk Palace by Queen Juliana and her daughters. Here Queen Juliana serves sweetmeats to some of the evacuee children.—Express Photo.

"Little Airlift" To Deal With Refugee Flood?

Bonn, Mar. 3.

The Federal German Government has suggested that the three Allied Commanders of West Berlin consider the setting up a "little Berlin airlift" to transport East German refugees to West Germany.

The request was announced here today by Dr. Paul Nahn, Director of the Housing Services for Refugees from the Soviet Zone, during a Press conference.

He pointed out that Allied military aircraft could be called on to assure the transport of the refugees. This measure would become inevitable if the three airlift

companies of Britain, France and the United States declared that they were incapable of meeting engagements relating to the transport of the refugees.

Kenyatta's Alleged Lust For Power

Kapenguria, Mar. 3. Mr. Anthony Somerhough, Deputy Public Prosecutor, said today that a lust for power had led Jomo Kenyatta and five other African leaders, on trial here, to managing and controlling the Mau Mau terrorist organisation.

The six are accused of managing or helping to manage the Mau Mau.

Mr. Somerhough described Defence Counsel D. N. Pritt's arguments that the Prosecution's case had not been properly prepared as "mere verbiage and comment."

Mr. Somerhough told the Court the Prosecution maintained that Kenyatta and the other African leaders in the dock exercised control of the Mau Mau largely by propaganda. Their method was to "force Kenya African Union members into a position where they had to take the Mau Mau oath, which was binding on them."

Mr. Somerhough contended there was evidence before the Court that the six in the dock tried to change the Kenya African Union into the Mau Mau Society.

Mr. Pritt completed his final speech for the defence this morning.

Mr. Pritt later left by road for Nairobi on his way back to London.

He motored the 280 miles south to Nairobi with an armed police escort, who will remain with him night and day until he boards a plane for London on Friday.

The Indian and Nigerian defence lawyers, Mr. Dilwan Charnian and Mr. H. O. Davies, remained to hear Mr. Somerhough.

Mr. Somerhough analysed the motives of the six African leaders as a desire to "increase their prestige and hold on their people so as to exercise more and more power."—Reuter.

Warsaw Places Church Under State's Control

Abolition Of 1950 Agreement

London, Mar. 3.

The Polish Communist Government has placed the entire Hierarchy and administration of the Roman Catholic Church under State control.

The move was announced by the official Polish news agency, which published a summary of the text of a decree on appointments to posts in the Roman Catholic Church Hierarchy in Poland, issued by the Council of State.

The decree said that "all appointments to posts in the Church Hierarchy as well as the release or transfer to another post in the Church Hierarchy requires the previous consent of the State authorities." In the appointment of bishops, ordinary or suffragans (assistant bishops) of dioceses, the previous consent of the Presidium of the Government is required, the decree said.

In all other cases the consent of the People's Provincial Councils must be obtained," the decree stated.

The previous consent of the State authorities is also required for the creation, transformation and abolition of posts in the Church Hierarchy as well as for changes in the scope of their activity," it added.

MUST TAKE OATH
In accordance with the new decree, persons occupying posts in the Church Hierarchy must take an oath of loyalty to the Polish People's Republic at the Office for Religious Affairs.

The decree also laid down that only Polish citizens may be appointed to posts in the Hierarchy of the Church.

Catholic circles here say that the Polish Communists' move to impose total State control on all Church activities means the unilateral abolition of the agreement on relations between Church and State signed by the Polish Government and the Polish bishops in April 1950.

This agreement was signed by the bishops under pressure, after the Polish Communist Government had decreed, three months earlier, the nationalisation of Church estates without compensation and the seizure of the Catholic charitable organisation Caritas.

However, the agreement did not impose any control on Church appointments and did not claim to bring any part of the Church administration under the control of the State.—United Press.

STARTLING VERDICT BY COURT

Munich, Mar. 3.

A German de-Nazification Court today said Colonel-General Alfred Jodl was not responsible for the order under which all captured Soviet Army Political Commissars were to be shot.

The Court exonerated the General posthumously of the crimes for which the Allies hanged him at Nuremberg in 1946.

Proceedings before the de-Nazification Court were necessary to decide the ownership of Jodl's estate.

The Court found Jodl had, as a soldier, restricted himself to operational questions which, in accordance with their military character, were in no way against international law.

It said the General could not be held responsible for the "Commando order" under which all British Commandos raiding the German-held Atlantic coast of France were to be "liquidated."

The Court found that this order had been issued by Hitler personally.

The Court also decided Jodl's estate was not to be confiscated.—Reuter.

Russian Offer To Japanese

Tokyo, Mar. 3.

The Soviet mission in Tokyo has offered two Japanese firms 250,000 tons of coal from Sakhalin in exchange for tuna ships.

The Soviet offer followed approaches made by the two firms. Last December one of the firms imported 13,000 tons of Sakhalin coal for payment in sterling. The second firm bought 180,000 pounds of rayon yarn against 13,000 tons of coal.

The two firms considered the Soviet offer attractive as Soviet coal was cheaper than U.S. coal.

The Japanese International Chamber of Commerce, however, was believed to be against the delivery to the Soviet Union of tuna ships built in Japan.—France-Press.

JUDICIAL INQUIRY DEMANDED

New Delhi, Mar. 3.

A Parliamentary committee has recommended a judicial investigation into a 5,500,000-rupee Japanese cloth purchase deal six years ago.

Government officials ordered 80,000,000 yards of cloth in early 1947 to ease a clothing shortage in the country. But critics later pointed out that the cloth was bit re-exported from India.

"By July, 1947, it became clear that the cloth would become unsaleable in India owing to high prices and even unsuitability of certain types," the Public Accounts Committee reported.

"Therefore the Textile Commissioner ordered the re-export of the cloth outside India as barter against food grains to Siam or Indonesia or for sale in Middle East countries. He considered that the bulk of the cloth, being of higher price and the width being too small, would not be marketable in India and the provincial governments would not be interested to take any."

Referring to the use of dollars in the transaction, the committee deplored the expenditure of foreign exchange "to such a tune, which if saved would have been useful for internal development purposes."

The committee wants the judicial inquiry to fix blame for the deal.—Associated Press.

AUSSIE TROOPS IN KOREA

Canberra, Mar. 3.

About 5,100 Australian troops are serving in Korea, Sir Philip McBride, Australian Defence Minister, told the House of Representatives today.

They represented 59 in every 100,000 of the Australian population. Australian forces were also serving in Malaya and the Middle East, he said.—Reuter.

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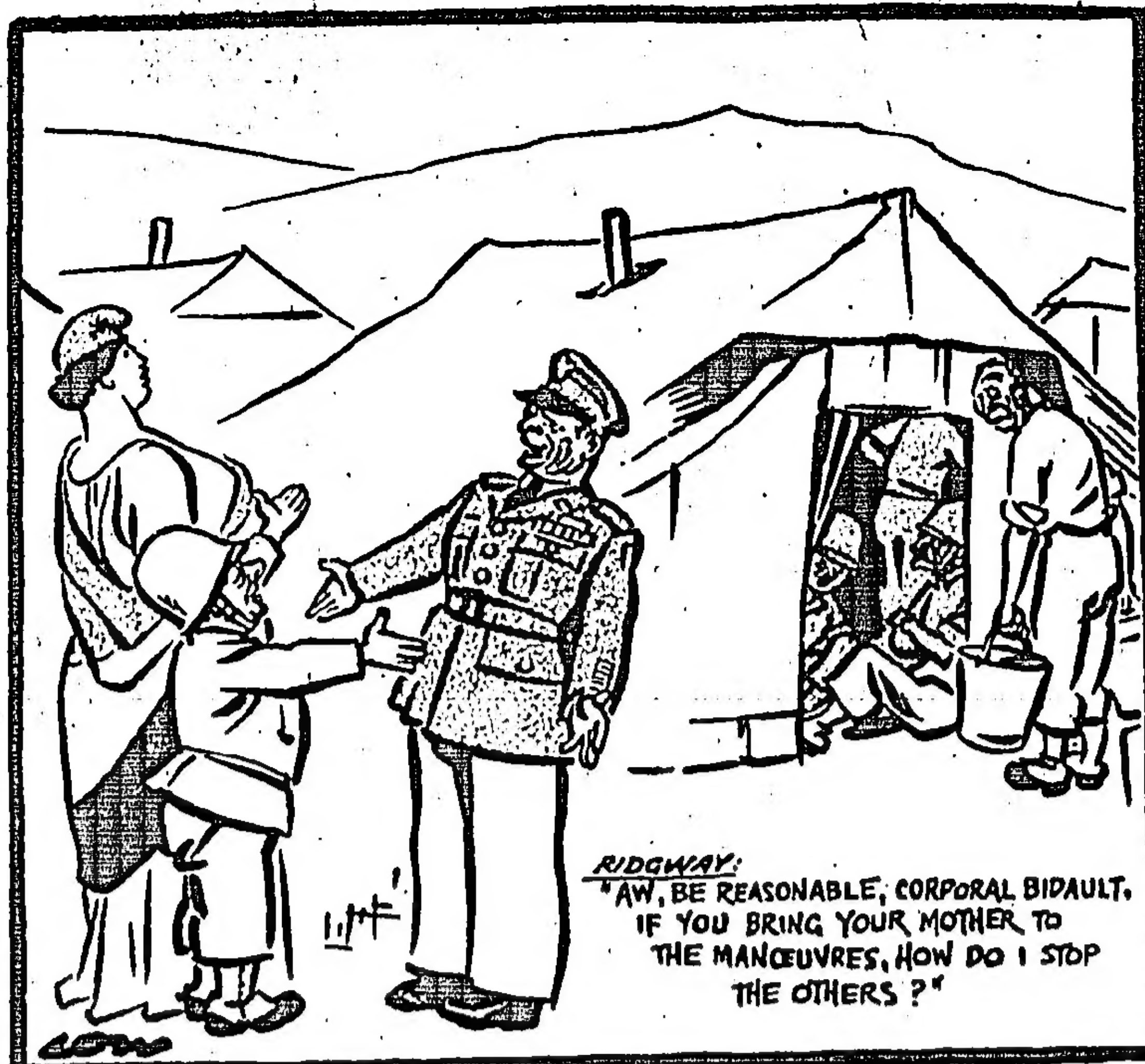
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THE GREAT CANADIAN WHO HELPED TO SHAPE A NATION

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD, more than any other man, was the architect of modern Canada. When he was born, in 1815, the British possessions in North America were a weak and scattered collection of separate Crown colonies. When he died, in 1891, they had been welded together into the loyal and powerful self-governing federation that we know today.

Professor Donald Creighton's volume* (the first of two) covers the early part of Macdonald's career down to the passing in 1867 of the British North America Act, which set the seal on Macdonald's endeavours. The book is a work of great scholarship and deep research.

It will probably remain for a long time to come the final authority upon its subject. Moreover, Professor Creighton does not follow the theory, all too prevalent in academic quarters, that serious history can only be written in an arid and barbarous jargon. On the contrary his style is pleasant and the book extremely readable.

The rebellion

MACDONALD began his career as a lawyer in Kingston, in the province of Upper Canada. He made his name by defending—though without success—the forlorn case of Schulz, an eccentric Polish-American who led a rabble of desperate men in an abortive and hopeless invasion of Canada during the rebellion of the French Canadians in 1838. In 1844, at the age of 29, Macdonald became a Conservative member in the Canadian House of Assembly.

The political situation in British North America was highly complicated. Canada proper consisted simply of the provinces of Upper and Lower Canada (modern Ontario and Quebec) joined together in an uneasy legislative union.

Entirely separate were the small maritime provinces of Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, New Brunswick.

wick, and Prince Edward Island, each owing separate and direct allegiance to the Crown. Finally, there were the gigantic half-explored Northwest-ern Territories under the tottering and uncertain sway of the Hudson's Bay Company.

Canada herself was racked by intricate religious and racial problems. In Lower Canada the French Canadians were in a majority, and the British complained bitterly.

Macdonald, for all his Conservatism, did not sympathise. "You struggle like the Protestant Irish in Ireland, not for equality but for ascendancy," he wrote, and added perhaps rather unhelpfully, "The only remedies are immigration and copulation, and these will work wonders."

But in Canada as a whole by 1860 the British were in a large majority. Yet under the Constitution of 1840 the representation of the two provinces in the Assembly had to be equal, and this seemed to give the Catholic French an altogether disproportionate influence on the Government.

More serious than any of these problems was the threat from the U.S.A. Professor Creighton does well to remind us of a potent factor in Canadian history, often forgotten today, the fear of invasion from their more numerous and powerful neighbours across the frontier.

Answer to danger

THIS threat became all the more dangerous with the progress of the American Civil War. The victorious North was in a bellicose and imperialist frame of mind, and possessed a formidable, well tried army.

Federation was the Canadian answer to this danger. Only a federal union of all the North American colonies could, so it seemed to Macdonald and his friends, provide an adequate defence against aggression and preserve what he regarded as all-important—the connection with the British Crown.

By 1850 Macdonald had become the real leader of the Conservative Party and bent all his efforts in the next ten years towards this aim. There were many obstacles. The Maritime Provinces had to

be separately persuaded. In New Brunswick the British Governor, Sir Arthur Gordon, was a firm enemy of anything that would strengthen colonial independence. He regarded the New Brunswick politicians with contempt. Canadians were a little better. Cartier, he conceded, was a "thorough gentleman," and "Macdonald (when not drunk) is a really powerful man." But he was, in general, hostile.

Moreover, federation was only legally possible by a British Act of Parliament. This meant that Canadian destinies were inextricably entwined with British home politics, and these in the 1850s were of a peculiarly unstable and fluctuating character.

But in 1860 occurred a startling event which greatly strengthened the federation movement.

For some time past Macdonald, in his capacity as Minister of Militia, had been worried about the militant plans of an Irish-American body known as the Fenian Brotherhood. Their aim was to liberate Ireland from English rule, and a group within the Brotherhood held the curious theory that this aim could be best achieved by invading and occupying British North America, which would then be used as a base for unspecified operations against Britain.

How these operations were to be conducted across 3,000 miles of sea was never made clear. Nevertheless, at the end of May a band of Fenians actually invaded Canada across the Niagara River. They speedily retreated, but in the course of a skirmish nine Canadian militiamen were killed and 30 wounded.

His sorrows

THIS insane act caused a fierce reaction in Canada, and a general desire for increased solidarity against threats from the south. In 1867 Macdonald, aided by these feelings, was at last enabled to bring into being the federal Dominion of Canada.

In character Macdonald was not particularly interesting or unusual. He seems to have lacked that touch of melancholy, of inner doubt, which often makes for a more intriguing personality, although it often, too, produces a less effective man of action.

His sorrows were largely external, caused by his unhappy marriage to a hopeless invalid. He himself, when he could relax, was a genial extrovert, fond of the bottle and of convivial parties, popular and friendly with most men. His views became more and more liberal as time went on.

It was his achievement to show that a passionate devotion to the Crown did not necessarily entail Edward Toryism, and that preservation of the British connection could be combined with a policy of progress and reform.

On the Secret Island AN ARMY GROWS OLD And Chiang can't conscript youngsters

TAIPEH, Formosa.
WHAT chance—what real chance—has Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek of fighting his way back into China? How soon can he strike—and what is holding him back now?

These, I am told, are questions that are being asked in London. They are being asked in Formosa, too, by three sets of people: the Americans, the 600,000 troops who fled with Chiang, and the Formosans themselves—8,000,000 of them, whose lives have been upset by the incursion of soldiers, plus a million refugees.

Soon, the answers must be given. Tanks, planes, and ships must be sent here in huge numbers if America resolves to see the adventure through. And, for reasons I shall presently explain, delay may be as fatal as attempting to act too soon. The Generalissimo has sent his younger son, General Chiang Wei-kuo, with a military mission to America. Chiang Wei-kuo, a tank warfare student, will lead the armoured thrust into Red China... if he can get the tanks.

Chiang's naval C-in-C, is already in the States trying to free some of America's moth-ball fleet for use in the invasion. Jet planes, hundreds of them, are wanted.

The facts

BETWEEN the need for publicity to keep American attention and the need for silence to keep Red China guessing, some strange reports have gone out to the world. Here are the facts:—

1. NEITHER the Reds nor the Nationalists dare attack each other's stronghold. Both are terrified of the penalty if they fail. Certainly Chiang knows that if his army meets a big reverse on landing there will not be a second chance—the loss of prestige will end his career.

2. ON THE OTHER HAND, he fears there may be an end of the Korean war before he is ready to attack. In this case the West may patch up its quarrel with Red China—farewell Chiang.

3. IF CHIANG misses the "political tide" of American sympathy the next one may not come for three, four, or five years.

4. CHIANG himself is 65, and his army is getting older and cannot be kept in tension indefinitely. The average age is nearly 30—too high for an invasion force already. He cannot get replacements from China. He dare not draft young Formosans in big numbers without an uproar in the island.

5. OF THE 600,000, not more than 250,000 are trained up to modern standards. Even these are badly under-equipped. The mass of the army trained only in small arms and in defensive warfare rather than attack.

Part of their time is spent on construction work and farming.

6. THE CYNICS say that Chiang's army will melt away when he lands just as his forces did on the mainland when the Reds swept over China. This is unfair. The troops in Formosa are those who preferred to follow Chiang into exile rather than desert—or would they expect much mercy from the Reds if they did.

7. IN CONTRAST to the old days when the warlords sold the army's food and pocketed

by
CHARLES FOLEY

quarrel with Red China—farewell Chiang.

8. GENERAL CHANG'S military mission of 700, the biggest America has sent anywhere, has shaken up Chiang's high command. Many senior Chinese officers have been through U.S. courses.

9. CHIANG'S NAVY has been purged from top to bottom and can "run rings round the Reds." As one naval officer trained at Greenwich assured me.

After a mutiny in which the cruiser Chungking (HMS Aurora) deserted and was sunk by Chiang's air force, the Admiralty withdrew two warships. They had lent the Nationalists, there is an efficient search fleet with 50,000 sailors. Hundreds of landing craft, as well as warships, are needed.

10. INVASION needs air supremacy. This the Nationalists enjoyed—before the Reds produced a cloud of MIGs in Korea. Chiang has thousands of airmen, but only obsolescent planes. America must produce a complete jet fleet.

Hope

SO everything depends on American deliveries, a flood of war materials compared to the trickle which has been arriving up to now for the disappointed Nationalists.

Everything but this—the question of whether the people in China would welcome Chiang's return at the head of a liberating legion.

To this question the Nationalists answer fervently: "Of course." The Americans say: "We hope so." The British say: "Very, very unlikely."

The whole operation depends on a mass defection of Red troops to Chiang Kai-shek's white-sun-on-a-blue-sky standard.

That will not be known until D Day—at least many months ahead—but if it is to come at all America must put down her stake money right away.

**TOMORROW:
A Bit of England
in Formosa**

Nathaniel Gubbins

IN the heartless world of today nobody will give old people any peace. Over here, tireless propaganda makes them work when they ought to be dozing in front of the fire.

In Oslo, Norway, they are giving them physical jerks in a gymnasium "to activate them and save money on the care of the old."

From his hand they snatched the cup
Shouting "Great-great-grandpa, up!"

Not for you to lie at ease
In comfy bed with dainty teas
Not for you to dream and doze
Great-great-grandpa, on your toes.

No more rum and brandy tips
Shoulders square and hands on hips
Forward stretch and backward bend
There he goes, right on his end.

Great-great-grandpa, up you get
We ain't finished with you yet.

Great-great-grandpa, do not frown
On the hands and tooties,
down
Great-great-grandpa, do not about
Half the class complains of gout

Bend the elbows, press once more
Keep your body off the floor
Bring your knees up to your chin
On your feet with stomach in.

Now you're limbered up, grand old
Let us see you sleep and hop
Let us see without a fault
Grandpa's double somersault

Down you go and mind your loaf
Once again, you clumsy old
Grandpa, did I hear a crack?
Grandpa, have you broke your back?

Grandpa, you're doing fine
Life begins at ninety-nine.

Coronation lunch

A Bon Vivant will be one of the judges in a competition for the best food to be ripe bananas, add some of your

eaten on the Coronation route, perhaps she will consider the following entry by Mad Margaret.

As you will probably be in your seat from early morning till late afternoon you must make the best of your extra ½ lb. of Coronation margarine and extra sugar.

★ ★ ★
FOR ELEVENES: If you give a pre-Coronation party the night before the great day it would be a good idea to fry left over sandwiches in one ounce of the margarine.

★ ★ ★
It doesn't matter what was in the sandwiches, or even if they were half eaten.

After all, "elevenes" is only a snack, and if one of your guests notices a half circle bitten out of his sandwich you can always say it was meant to represent the royal crown.

Fry until golden brown. They will be delicious if you like margarine and cold fried sandwiches.

★ ★ ★
FOR LUNCH: Coronation Day falls on a Tuesday, so there won't be much left of the Sunday joint, even if you have one.

Nevertheless, scrape off all the gristle and any bits of meat that might be there. Add any scraps of fish you can find in the larder and some meat paste. Then mix with stale bread crumbs, flour, an egg, and one ounce of margarine.

Squash it all up, roll into balls and fry in another ounce of margarine. You can call them Meatballs, which they certainly will be, particularly if you have an American guest.

★ ★ ★
FOR TEA: Well, we still have another ounce of margarine if you can take it all in one day. So, what about a cake and "buns"—sandwiches, or margarine up with

petition for the best food to be ripe bananas, add some of your

Coronation sugar and spread between two slices of grocer's cake.

If you don't want it for tea you can eat it as a sweet after the Meat Ball Surprise. Or if you feel as sick as I do writing about it you can throw it away.

One fine day

A NEWSPAPER correspondent asks: "As this has been a winter of phenomenal disasters, I have been wondering whether any of the old prophets made any predictions about this particular time."

The answer is yes. At the beginning of the year an extreme old prophet, Old Moore Gubbins, foretold much of what has happened recently.

For January he prophesied snow, sleet, gales, fog, frost, blizzards. He said February would be even worse.

★ ★ ★
Of course, nobody took any notice. But after this revelation they might like to be reminded of what he foretold for the rest of the year.

March: Still freezing. April: Snow on high ground, low ground, and down the back of your neck. May: Night frosts, day frosts, and afternoon frosts. June: East winds, blizzards. July: One fine day. August: Worst holiday month in living memory. September: Gales, floods. October: Heaviest rainfall in living memory. November: Worst fog in living memory. December: Worst Christmas in living memory.

And he said if we don't get enough bad weather in the country, some silly man has brought over the 1,200-year-old Mexican Rain God, Chac Mool, to be exhibited at the Tate Gallery.

At the side of Chac Mool there will be an offertory box. But don't put any money in it. He might think you want more rain. In which case you may not get even the one fine day in July promised by Old Moore Gubbins.

—(London Express Service)

LAND FORCES INDIVIDUAL ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS AT BOUNDARY ST. TODAY

By "RECORDER"

The Land Forces Individual Athletic Championships will be contested at Boundary Street today and tomorrow. This is the fifth year of the Championships and it is likely that some excellent performances will be put up, but the standing records are not easy to beat.

The likely new records are in the High and Low Hurdles, High Jump, Pole Vault, Hop, Step & Jump, Discus Throw and Javelin Throw.

Individual Championships were not held before the war and what outstanding Army performances were returned in the pre-war era in the sprints, middle distance runs and hurdles were accomplished over metric distances at Caroline Hill.

Many years ago there existed an Athletic Association in Hongkong and a surviving Army record from the Championships organised by that Association is the 10 seconds dead for 100 Yards claimed for a Cpl. Andrews.

Only one record survives from the first Land Forces Individual Championships in 1949—the 100 Yards in 10.4 seconds by Lt. Alan Stepto, better known as an Army and Hongkong footballer.

Alan Stepto was the only Army cricketer in Hongkong in recent years who was also an outstanding athlete.

He attributed his sprinting abilities to the fact that he went to the same school with two British International sprinters—Sybil Chessman and Doris Batty.

The 1948 Championships also included team scores and there was a great surprise turned up by the Field Security team of two—Wolfe Hunt and Sgt. Jacques—who between them secured more points than some of the battalions, most of these in the field events!

STEP IT UP, KIDS!

The 1950 Championships were dominated by Major P. Skipwith—almost twice the age of the majority of the other competitors—who set records in the Discus, Javelin and High Hurdles that still stand. He was also a good high and long jumper.

Major Skipwith also contributed much to laying the foundations of the present Hongkong Amateur Athletic Association. He still holds the Colony's best ever performance of 180 feet 8 inches in the Javelin Throw.

The 1951 Championships at Soekunpo saw remarkable performances in the 440 Yards by Tpr. Tom Williams, in the 880 Yards by Sgt. H. Anderson, and in the Long Jump and Hop, Step and Jump by Sgt. T. Moyan.

Anderson, a red-haired Scot, had never run before his arrival.

HKAAA Rules On Recognition Of Meetings

Following the decision of the HKAAA Executive Committee to award Standard Medals for performances achieved at any authorised athletic meeting in Hongkong, the Hon. Secretary of the HKAAA, Mr F. J. Tingay, has issued the following circular which defines an "Authorised Meeting".

"The Hongkong AAA is the governing body for amateur athletics in the Colony of Hongkong and recognised as such by the International Amateur Athletic Federation. It is the one holding of which has been notified to the HKAAA by official letter; and where a programme is printed, the latter should state that the meeting is held under HKAAA Rules."

"AND at least one official approved by the HKAAA must be present at the meeting; in field events, one as judge and in track events one as judge and one as timekeeper. Approved means one who either is known to the Association or is vouched for by an athletics secretary or officer competent to judge the efficiency of the official in question."

"COLONY RECORDS are accepted only if they are made at authorised meetings and in the case of field events only if the measurements are made with a steel tape; in the case of track events only if three approved timekeepers were timing the event and if the track is later measured with a steel tape. General conditions of records are in Rule 14 of the AAA Competition Rules."

"Claims for Standards or Colony Records must be made through Secretaries or Athletics Officers to the HKAAA in the case of meetings not directly sponsored by the Association, and on the lines as indicated above."

rival on the Hongkong station and his Colony record in the Half Mile is thus a product of purely local competition. He was chased home by three or four others who were faster than 2:05 in a year in which Sgt. Joe McMahon was very much of an also-ran.

The same Championships saw the Javelin Throw won by Lt. D. J. McNabb and the High Jump by Sgt. J. Dallywater. Both very keen athletes, they both managed to win second place in their two events at the Army Championships at Home the following year.

Dallywater, who cleared 6 feet in Singapore and 5 feet 11 inches in an exhibition jump at Caroline Hill, made the grade in the Army Championships at Home with 5 feet 10 inches.

Lt. McNabb has since become one of Britain's better and Scotland's outstanding javelin throwers with performances of over 180 feet. He still holds the official Hongkong record at 165 feet 8 inches.

The 1952 Championships featured Joe McMahon, the 3 Royal Tank Regiment and Cpl. Chitrabhadra, the Javelin thrower, who, incidentally, was not the first Gurkha to win an Army title. He was preceded by Cpl. Galabasing Tamang who won the High Jump in 1949.

What of today's and tomorrow's performances? There will be some great races in the Half Mile, Mile and Three Miles. The Mile field is one of the best ever assembled, but McMahon's 4:35.3 looks good enough to remain as the record.

CHAMPIONSHIP RECORDS

The following are the Championship records:

100 Yards—10.4 seconds by Lt. Alan Stepto (25 Field Regt., RA) in 1949 and Tpr. Derek Hall (3 Royal Tank Regt.) in 1952 (heats).

220 Yards—24.0 seconds by Sgt. Teague in 1951.

440 Yards—32.2 seconds by Tpr. Tom Williams (3 Royal Tank Regt.) in 1951.

880 Yards—2 minutes 2.1 seconds by Bdsman. H. Anderson (King's Own Scottish Borderers) in 1951.

One Mile—4 minutes 35.3 seconds by Sgt. J. P. McMahon (Hongkong Signal Regt.) in 1952.

Three Miles—15 minutes 28.1 seconds by S/Sgt. Peter West (Royal Engineers) in 1951.

120 Yards High Hurdles—10.2 seconds by Major P. Skipwith (HQLE) in 1950.

340 Yards Low Hurdles—41.4 seconds by Lt. D. J. McNabb (RAOC) in 1951.

High Jump—5 feet 7 inches by Cunningham (King's Own Scottish Borderers) in 1950 and Sgt. J. Dallywater in 1951.

Pole Vault—10 feet 0 inches by Sgt. P. Deadman (1 Wilt) in 1952.

Long Jump—21 feet 10 inches by Sgt. T. Moyan (Hongkong Signal Regt.) in 1950.

Hop, Step and Jump—43 feet 9 inches by Sgt. T. Moyan (Hongkong Signal Regt.) in 1950.

Shot Put—37 feet 9 inches by Lt. J. Greer (Royal Engineers) in 1951.

Discus Throw—112 feet 10 inches by Major P. Skipwith (HQLE) in 1950.

Javelin Throw—105 feet 14 inches by Major P. Skipwith (HQLE) in 1950.

Hammer Throw—114 feet 10 inches by Cpl. Parsons in 1951. *Also best ever Army performance in Hongkong.

BEST EVER

Best ever performances by Army athletes in Hongkong that are not at the same time Championship bests are the following:

100 Yards—10.0 seconds by Cpl. Andrews in 1910.

Three Miles—15 minutes 11.6 seconds by S/Sgt. Peter West (Royal Engineers) in 1952.

120 Yards High Hurdles—15.9 seconds by Lt. J. O. Cavo (Royal Ulster Rifles) in 1953.

High Jump—5 feet 10 1/2 inches by Sgt. J. Dallywater in 1951.

Pole Vault—10 feet 6 inches by Sgt. P. Deadman (1 Wilt) in 1951 and by Lt. R. A. F. Reep (Dorset Regt.) in 1953.

Shot Put—40 feet 9 inches by Lt. J. F. Greer (Royal Engineers) in 1951.

Discus Throw—120 feet 0 1/2 inches by Cpl. Walter Land (Royal Engineers) in 1950.

Javelin Throw—100 feet 9 inches by Major P. Skipwith (HQLE) in 1951.

GROUND RECORDS

Boundary Street ground records in the events to be contested at this year's Land Forces Individual Championships are:

100 Yards—10.2 seconds by Stephen Xavier (La Salle College) in 1952.

220 Yards—22.9 seconds by Stephen Xavier (La Salle College) in 1953.

440 Yards—53.9 seconds by L/Cpl. T. Williams (3 Royal Tank Regt.) in 1952.

880 Yards—2 minutes 7.6 seconds by Sgt. J. P. McMahon (Hongkong Signal Regt.) in 1952.

One Mile—4 minutes 35.3 seconds by Sgt. J. P. McMahon (Hongkong Signal Regt.) in 1952.

Three Miles—15 minutes 11.6 seconds by S/Sgt. Peter West (Royal Engineers) in 1952.

120 Yards High Hurdles—15.9 seconds by Lt. J. O. Cavo (Royal Ulster Rifles) in 1953.

340 Yards Low Hurdles—42.2 seconds by Lo Wing-chuen (South China Athletic Association) in 1953.

High Jump—5 feet 8 inches by Yau Wai-ling (South China Athletic Association) in 1953.

Discus Throw—120 feet 0 1/2 inches by Chun Wai-chuen (South China Athletic Association) in 1952.

Javelin Throw—109 feet 6 inches by Sgt. N. R. Hughes (Welch Regt.) in 1953.

Hammer Throw—104 feet 2 inches by Sgt. P. Deadman (Wiltshire Regt.) in 1953.

Shot Put—37 feet 2 inches by Chun Wai-chuen (South China Athletic Association) in 1952.

Discus Throw—120 feet 0 1/2 inches by Chun Wai-chuen (South China Athletic Association) in 1952.

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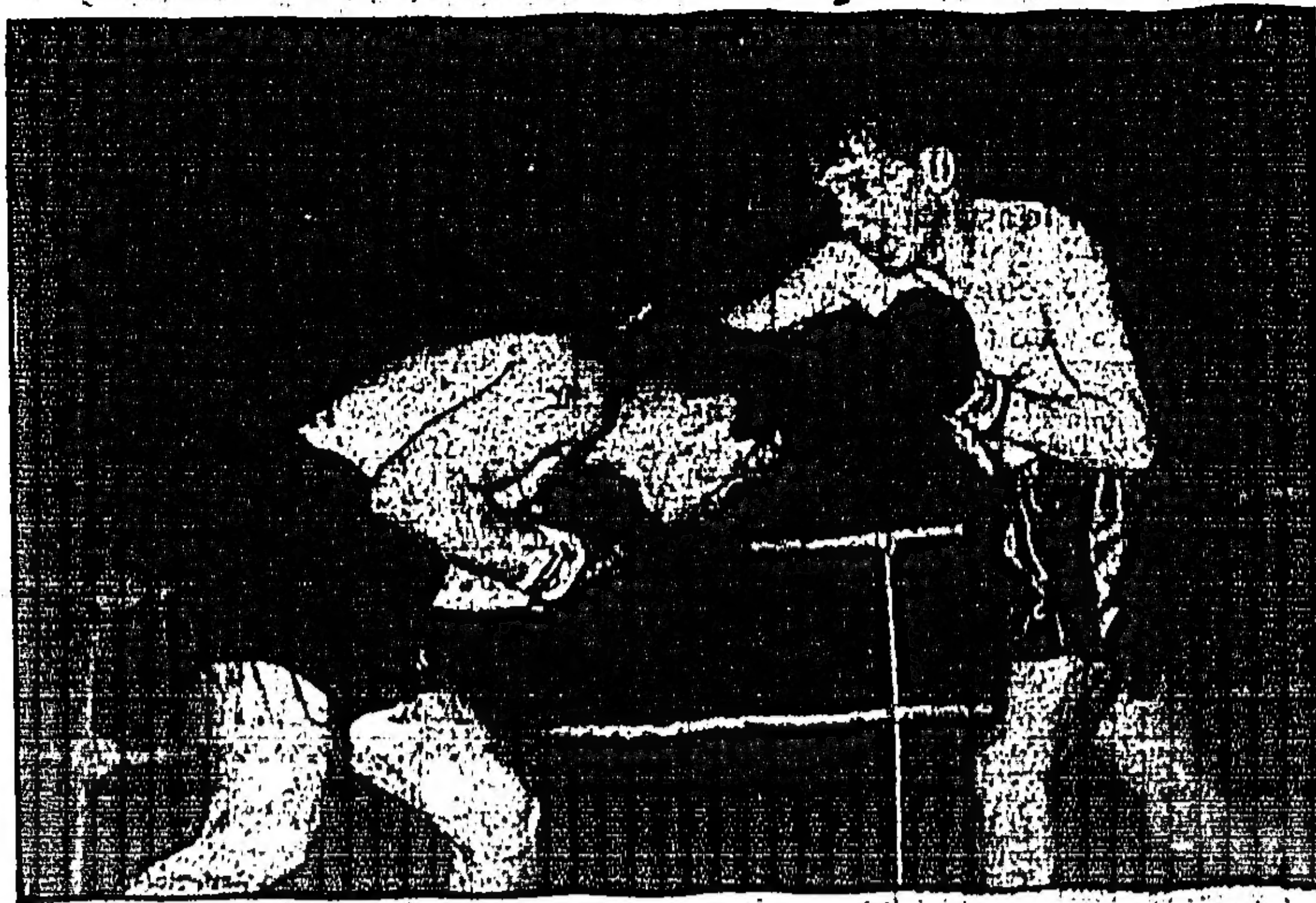
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McCARTHY OUTPOINTS FALCINELLI



Sammy McCarthy (right) outpointed Amleto Falcinelli of Italy over 10 rounds at the Albert Hall, London, on February 25.—Express Photo.

GEORGE WHITING'S COLUMN

No More Test Ticket Privileges For Members Of Middlesex CCC

London.

There are sad hearts, sour looks and seething remarks today among certain rank-and-file of the Middlesex County Cricket Club. For, save by queuing, they and their friends are going to be shut out of the second Test match against Australia at Lord's, from June 25-30.

Having disconnected a tele. home hot with the ill-humour of these indignant cricket-lovers, I report the following:

Middlesex members, enjoying peculiar privileges as tenants of the MCC at Lord's, have hitherto been more than satisfied—yes, might even say delighted—to be permitted to buy tickets from their "landlords" at the rate of two per member for each of the first four days of a Test match—there being no pre-sale for the fifth day.

Judge then, of their joy, when, at the beginning of January, they were told that their daily allocation was being raised to three per member. Send in your applications, they were instructed, on February 14. Loud cheers! But judge, also, of the weeping and wailing that went up when many of the 2,000 Middlesex members received, not three

tickets each, but a letter telling them they were to get none. Even committed members were among the ticketless.

"The applications," they were told, "exceeded the tickets available."

A bleak and Testless June awaits these men of Middlesex, unless, as I say, they care to queue. Meanwhile, they have four months to think up new and more original devices concerning whatever MCC official it was who tickled their Test match appetites with that three-in-a-row of two tit-bit last month.

"We are being overwhelmed," says an official at Lord's. You bet they are.

CARTIER—AND TWIN

So the turmoil over Randolph Turpin continues—with an announcement by promoter Jack Solomons that black-haired, 26-year-old Walter Cartier is to replace his fellow New Yorker, Paddy Young, against our champion at Earls Court on March 17.

Having wrangled half the night over a Trans-Atlantic telephone, Solomons has released Young to fight Ezzard Charles in a U.S. title eliminator on March 27.

I remember Cartier. He looked more than useful to the speculative eye of this column when I watched him polish off one Billy Kilgore in eight rounds at Madison Square Garden, New York, in 1951. A left-hander, I seem to remember.

Incidentally, Turpin need not be alarmed if he thinks he is seeing double when Cartier arrives. For Walter has a twin brother who likes to be around when there is family feudin' to be done.

CRICKETERS WARNED

Tip to London's club cricketers: Do not get too competitive during Coronation Week.

Some groups of clubs, it appears, have been arranging evening games on the knock-out principle as their contribution to the festivities.

The outbreak, I understand, is a mild one and far short of an epidemic—but the Club Cricket Conference, who watch over our summer week-ends, have dropped a hint that "cut throat" cricket is rather less than desirable.

A friendly reminder appears on the agenda of their annual meeting on February 27, when Prince Philip's useful No. 6 is among the speakers.

My forecast is that most club cricketers will celebrate the Coronation with beer-matches. —(London Express Service).

Home Soccer

London, Mar. 3.

Football League results today were:

DIVISION I

Burnley 0 Blackpool 1.

DIVISION 3 NORTHERN

Oldham 1 Gateshead 1.

Both these matches were postponed last Saturday as Blackpool and Gateshead were engaged in the FA Cup quarter-finals. —(London Express Service).

Incidents at future soccer international home.

Dalymount Park, scene of the match against France, normally holds about 33,000, but was expected to hold 40,000 for the match because of extensions.

But it is estimated that about 45,000 people crashed in, and if the Austrian match is played there it is quite likely another 45,000 will want to see them also.

One alternative to Dalymount Park which has been given most consideration is Lansdowne Road, headquarters of the Irish Rugby Football Union, but soccer officials were unlucky when they sought use of the ground before.

The Lansdowne Road pitch holds at least 45,000 and has excellent entrances. If the Irish-Austrian match is played on this field it will be the first soccer game there since 1927, when Italy beat Ireland 2-1. —(United Press).

Semi-final Stage Reached In Tennis Championships

By "ARGONAUT"

The Colony Men's Open Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships entered the semi-final stages yesterday with two Singles and one Doubles quarter-final matches.

Veterans V. T. Wang and Tsui Yun-pui former Shanghai and Hongkong Champions, became the first two semi-finalists in the Singles with comfortable wins over Frank K. L. Ma and J. D. Mackie.

After his creditable performance in the previous round when he eliminated Lee Walton, the Colony Schoolboy Champion, Frank Ma, was expected to give Wang a closer game yesterday than indicated by his 6-2, 6-1 score.

Ma's schoolboy's usual accuracy, however, asserted him and inability to pack a punch in his ground strokes and services enabled his opponent to assume full control of the game with a continuous flow of strong, low full-length drives.

Tsui, who is expected to meet Wang in the final, was never seriously challenged in the course of his 6-1, 6-2 win over Mackie.

The first Doubles quarter-final of the Championships played yesterday saw J. L. Rigge and Mr. Heenan having the better of South China's Ron Liang and Khoo Sing-oi by 6-0, 7-5, after two long drawn-out sets.

Although there was little to choose between the two pairs in ground strokes, where Heenan and Khoo were especially prominent with deadly forehand kills, the greater aggressiveness of the Hongkong Cricket Club pair at the net and their stronger and more accurate overhead smashes proved to be the deciding factor.

CLOSELY CONTESTED

The third round replay of the Doubles match on the standard court between P. Poon and A. V. Szeto and E. Saubolle and J. R. L. Cook again went to

the deciding factor.

Sir Ken Wins Champion Hurdle Challenge Cup

Cheltenham, Mar. 3.

Mr. Maurice Kingsley's six-year-old gelding, Sir Ken, won his 18th hurdle race in succession today when he triumphed for the second year in the two-mile champion hurdle Challenge Cup.

Hidden by the Irishman, Tim Molony, Sir Ken started a fast favourite at 22-1 and landed the £2,479 prize without being seriously challenged.

He tracked the pace-making Campari until after the third hurdle from home had been jumped and went on effortlessly to beat two Irish challengers, Galahad, 4-1 second favourite, by two lengths with Tespot (100-9), another one and a half lengths further away, third of seven.

Sir Ken won his last flat race, his winning sequence is now 17.

The gelding is trained by ex-jockey Willie Stephenson, who won the Epsom Derby in 1951 with Arctic Prince.—(Router).

Victoria State To Guarantee Erection Of Olympic Village

Melbourne, Mar. 3.

The newspaper "Age" said today that Mr. John Cain, Premier of Victoria, had given an assurance that the Victorian Government would guarantee the erection of an Olympic Village in time for the 1956 Games in Melbourne.

Mr. Cain was said to have given the assurance to the Olympic Games Control Committee today after his request for special financial aid had been turned down by the Federal Government.

Details of the accommodation needed were still being worked out, the newspaper added.

Mr. Cain received a letter today from the Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Gordon Menzies, stating that the Commonwealth would not provide the extra money for the Olympic Village. —(Router).

Rugger Results

London, Mar. 3.

London Hospital beat Westminster Hospital 6-0 in the Hospitals Cup semi-final today.

Oxford University Greyhounds beat Madrid Students 13-5. —(Router).

THE GAMBOLS



Barry Apples



£35,000 OFFERED FOR BARNSLEY'S TOMMY TAYLOR

By GEORGE CHANDLER

London, Mar. 3.

With only two months left of the English soccer season, both the top and bottom clubs in the standings today began a search for talent to strengthen their League Championship chance or to avoid relegation to a lower division.

Soccer managers ruefully admit that it is like trying to find a needle in a haystack when it comes to a ready-made star. But there is one to be had at Barnsley—the team already is doomed to relegation from the Second to the Third Division of the English League.

The club announced they are willing to part with their star inside forward, Tommy Taylor, and invited offers from clubs. No fewer than 17 of them responded and what is virtually an auction sale developed.

To date the highest offer offered is £35,000 (over £115,000,000), which would constitute a record transfer fee in English soccer.

Young Taylor is embarrassed by this situation and spent the week-end with his parents seeking their advice on whether to remain with Barnsley or become the most marked man in the game as a result of woeing soccer's highest price tag. Under League rules the final decision on a transfer rests with the player. "We can't do anything until we find out whether Taylor is prepared to go," admitted the club chairman, Joe Richards today.

UNHAPPY NEWCASTLE
One famous team, Newcastle United, is in the unhappy position of having a galaxy of stars but at the same time facing the menace of relegation to the Second Division.

"We need a key player to link up the talent we have," said the Newcastle chief, Stan

With the dignity of a man who has been able to invite the Queen to dinner, Douglas Fairbanks has become one of Britain's biggest dollar earners. In three years the television film industry he founded has netted 10,000,000 dollars. Yet it remains virtually unknown.

What are these TV films? Each runs for half-an-hour, is shot in Britain and sent to America for screening on their ever-growing TV network. They cost about £7,000 to make and are filmed in five days.

Doug told me how it all began. "When I was connected with Marshall Aid in this country I suggested TV films as dollar earners. The idea went ahead and after 18 months' negotiations with the National Broadcasting Company of America, a contract to produce 39 half-hour films was signed.

"When production was ready the N.B.C. gave me a start. I was already advising on the

scheme but now they said: 'We want you to act for us.' "I found myself donning make-up and playing such roles as Lochinvar, a murderer, a Regency beau."

In all he will appear in nine of the 39 films. What does America think of our efforts? "We have proved that we can turn out a British high-quality TV film, using the best available talent and within the competitive limitations operating in America," Doug said.

Britain Can't Buy Them

After seeing one of the earlier films in the tiny British National Studios cinema at Epsom (frequented by Fairbanks) I agree with him. For quality of dialogue, story, acting, and production (bearing in mind the cost and shooting time) they are unequalled. And a schedule of two films a week is maintained.

Today there are six companies at work making TV films for America, and next month another begins a series of 39 for Paramount. The shrewd Fairbanks has surrounded himself with a host of well-known British film

stars: Constance Cummings, Marie Burke, Lona Morris, Elizabeth Sellers, Wilfred Hyde White, and many more. Will Britain see the films? Not yet. The B.B.C. can't afford to buy them. But if three of them were run together they would make the ideal cinema programme. It may happen.

Continues Doug: "One day TV will reach Scandinavia and the Netherlands, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. And then this new industry could easily net Britain £10,000,000 a year."

Hollywood Finds a Snag

Every studio in Hollywood is in the middle of the biggest uproar since "talkies" arrived. All because of three-dimensional films. (3-D because life's short) films. A major snag has emerged.

Each film company thinks it has evolved the best technique. But each technique demands different sized screens, different equipment and what have you. In other words, no cinema could show 3-D films from Twentieth Century and Universal without changing the equipment.

At the moment Twentieth Century are in the lead with their wide-screen process known as Cinemascope, and recently M.G.M. decided to "co-operate" with them. But Universal, Paramount, Republic and Warners are entering the field—each with their own idea.

Meanwhile the harassed cinema owners are sitting on the fence.

Saved The Night

The "Oscar" award-night on March 19 looked like being an austere affair. Three major studios, Warners, Universal and Columbia, decided to withdraw their financial support.

Said Academy president Charles Brackett: "Last year it cost £32,000 to present the awards. The major studios contributed £25,000. It may be found necessary to cut the ceremony and present the statuettes in the library of the Academy."

But the last Oscar night was saved. The National Broadcasting Company are paying £35,000 for the radio and TV rights.

Who Laughs Now?

Talking of "Oscars" reminds me that when I forecast that Moulton Rouse would be the film of 1953, there were polite misgivings from some of my film friends.

But who laughs now? Moulton Rouse has been nominated for seven Oscars.

A Busy Gilbert

Gilbert Harding, after recording a BBC programme, getting home at 3.30 a.m. and turning out again at 5.30 a.m. to face the cameras for his role as a newspaper reporter in *Behind The Headlines*, dashed straight from the studios to address the members of the Chelsea Clinical Society.

The title of his speech: "The Use of Leisure."



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The programme will consist of 9 races. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2 p.m. Through Tickets (9 Races—\$18.00) also tickets at \$2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on 2nd May, 1953, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road. Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 6th March, will be sold and the reservation cancelled at future meetings. To avoid congestion at the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, sweep tickets may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Offices at:—
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The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules:—

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Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once investors have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE
SETS OF MEMBERS' AND LADIES' BADGES WHICH ARE BEING ISSUED FOR THE 1953 RACING SEASON ARE NOT VALID UNTIL 1ST APRIL, 1953. 1952 SETS ARE VALID UNTIL THEN.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at \$10.00 including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comprodor Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The Treasurers' Comprodor Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27119).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC. WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MIBA,
Secretary.

FIJIANS PLAY TODAY AT SOOKUNPOO

The Rugby game between the 1st Battalion Fijian Regiment, holders of the Malayan Inter-Unit Cup, and the 45 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, holders of the Hongkong Inter-Unit Cup, takes place on the Army Sports ground, Sookunpoo, this afternoon at 3.30 p.m. and not, as previously advertised, at Boundary Street, Kowloon.

Bridge Tourney

The Undercard Team beat Club de Recreo in the Team of Eight Tournament of the Hongkong Contract Bridge Association last night by 151 international match points to 20. Half-time score was 74-20 in favour of the Undercard. Players for the Undercard in the first half were Y.P. Fong and Y.C. Chu, Henry S.Y. Pan and Edward Chu, Y.M. Chu and Frank Chang, and Howard D. Hoffman and Dodge T.C. Chen. Players in the second half were Y.P. Fong and Henry S.Y. Pan, Frank Chang, Y.M. Chu, Clement Yeh and Y.C. Chu and Howard Hoffman and Dodge Chen. Players for the Club de Recreo were L. J. d'Almeida Remedios and H. Remedios, J. C. Remedios and A. H. Basto, A. J. Motta and C. P. Basto, and L. S. Lopes and G. S. Remedios.

Baseball Included In Asian Games

Manila, Mar. 3. Baseball has been added to the official list of events in the second Asian Games here. The Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation announced that Japan, Formosa, the Philippines and another unnamed Asian country will participate in a four-way baseball championship during the all-Asian athletic meet. The second Asian Games will be held here next year. Fifteen nations are participating. Other events include track and field, swimming, basketball, soccer, boxing, wrestling, weightlifting, shooting, badminton, tennis and table tennis. Associated Press.

Pakistani Squash Players Do Well

London, Mar. 3. Pakistan dominated second round play today in the British Professional Squash Rackets Championship. Hashim Khan, British Open Champion, swept past Don Wilson 9-0, 9-0, 9-0. His brother, Zafar Khan, wiped out Fred Stone 9-0, 9-1, 9-0. In just about 10 minutes, and Sufiullah defeated Perry Ellis 9-0, 9-0, 9-0. Associated Press.

SPORTING SAM



By Reg. Wootton

MATT BUSBY CAN FINISH THE JOB OF BUILDING UP AMERICAN SOCCER

Says HAROLD MAYES

London

Foundations have already been laid. The brickwork has proceeded satisfactorily, even if a little slowly. Now the roof is just about to go on prior to the house really being put in order.

Scots and Irish domiciled in the United States have laid the foundations. Touring teams have been putting in the bricks—yes, it's American Soccer I'm talking about.

And who's the tiler? None other than Manchester United chief Matt Busby, due to cross the Atlantic once more for two months' intensive coaching this summer.

You think American Soccer is just a joke? If you do, forget it very quickly. You won't be the first to have laughed at it, but it's the last laugh which is always the most satisfying.

As long ago as July, 1948, I came back from New York to write: "I'd go so far as to say that if we can send the States more teams on tour, some good coaches and, above all, some referees, they'll be in international class in a decade."

READY TO TAKE HIS PLACE

One man, then managing a First Division club, wrote and told me: "If you make it a hundred years instead of ten you'll still be wrong."

Needless to say, when I returned his letter after England had been beaten by the Americans in the World Cup at Belo Horizonte, asking for his comment, none was forthcoming.

I told you then that there were more youngsters playing Soccer than baseball in the Eastern States. So it came as no surprise to me to find the Football Association Bulletin quoting an article from an American magazine on health, physical education and recreation, saying: "Soccer, long recognized as a sport with unusual promise, is now on its way to take its place in the great family of proven American team sports."

It wouldn't be the first time that we've taught something to another country and then seen them outstrip us at it. So wait for it—there's still five years left for my prophecy to come true. And Matt Busby is the man who may well help it past the post.

"Television of boxing championships in this country is sure to come. Television is yet in its infancy, but it is making good progress within the limits of its income and the time will come,

I think, when boxing will need television."

Who wrote that? I don't know, but I could so easily have done, because it follows a line of thought I have so frequently expressed. But I was a little shaken to read it in the new issue of Jack Solomons' *Boxing Annual* (Playfair Books, 3s. 6d.).

I asked Jack Solomons a few days ago: "Are you responsible for the opinions of your correspondents?"

"What have I been writing now?" said Jack. I told him. "You know I couldn't say that," he added, "when I told him, hopefully, that I thought we were both on the same side of the television fence at last."

"I must read that book sometime," Jack concluded. Ah, well! When the Rugby League legislators did their "Turn again, Whittington" act with the play-the-ball rule (other week, everybody hoped that would be the final piece of messing about for some time. There were even people who suggested that the game might now be left for five years to settle down.

Yet no sooner is that spot of stupidity out of the way than a "reform plan" to eliminate the Disciplinary Committee and the Management Committee as at present constituted.

TODAY'S SPORT

Open Colony Tennis Singles semi-final (Top half) at Hongkong Cricket Club, Chater Road, commencing 9 p.m.

45 Field Regiment RA v 1st Bn Fijian Regiment at Sookunpoo at 3.30 p.m.

Land Forces Individual Athletic Championships at Boundary Street, Kowloon, 8 p.m.

Norwich Training College Annual Athletic Meet at Caroline Hill, 1.30 p.m.

Badminton and Schoolboy Championships at Diocesan Boys' School Gymnasium and Queen's College Hall.

The reformers want the council to control League affairs, and a small committee, under a neutral chairman, to deal with discipline.

Now isn't that nice? Who are they going to advocate as chairman of this disciplinary tribunal? The chairman of the British Boxing Board of Control, the president of the Football League, or this year's Queen of the May from Dewsbury or St Helens?

I wouldn't know, because, after all, in Rugby League the only thing you can be sure of is that tomorrow never comes, and sometimes they even have one doubting that fact.

THIS IS WAY TO REFORM

What does seem apparent is that St Helens, now that they're cock of the walk, are trying to crack the whip. But for anyone, whether he comes from Dewsbury, St Helens or Timbuctoo, to suggest that any game should be controlled other than by the people who are steeped in it seems just about as wide of the mark as any idea could be.

Reforms are needed. I see nothing which couldn't be righted by giving the men in authority longer terms of office so that they can really become League-minded instead of club-minded.

Now they have to spend the first period of League service playing themselves in and the second half making sure they don't play themselves out.

That, and the elimination of personal differences—which I'm told can't always be settled verbally—would go most of the way towards solving any problems which may exist.

BLACK SPOT. I don't object to gambling, but is the cathedral-like calm of a hall in which the amateur snooker championship is being played the proper place for it? Even if supporters of various contestants want to bet, there's no need to hand over the cash in full view of people who still think the game's the thing.

It is a documentary of the battle against the terrorists in the jungles of Malaya, and the snatches I have seen are hair-raising in their intensity.

TIE DEADLINE

I can't tell you its title—I haven't got one yet. The film is still in the cutting-room being edited at top speed by director Macdonald, who has to get the finished article to Korda by deadline time.

It began last April when Macdonald (who gave us *Descent Victory* as well as *Burma Victory*) asked Mr. Churchill for permission to make the film. The Prime Minister thought the idea good. The War Office and Colonial Secretary, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, agreed. Sir Alexander Korda offered to release the film, so Macdonald began the money and with a shooting unit of eight, went to Malaya.

The film, which took 12 weeks to make, has no professional actors. Everyone, from High Commissioner Temple to the nearest terrorist, play themselves. The heroes are British soldiers (particularly men of the famous Suffolk Regiment) and the Malaya Police.

CHURCHILL TRIBUTE
Macdonald's career took in acting and directing in Hollywood and Britain until, when war broke out, he became head of the Army Film Unit and made that tremendous record of El Alamein called *Desert Victory*.

It so impressed Winston Churchill that he saw it three times, devoted two pages to it in his book "The Hinge of Fate," and sent Macdonald to Washington with a copy for President Roosevelt.

Altogether 50 private copies were made. The late King George VI had one. Marshal Stalin and Chiang Kai-shek have them, too.

Macdonald also filmed the Commando raid on the Lofoten Islands, the Sicilian campaign, the landing at Salerno and the European campaign. Since the war he has directed "The Brothers Go," "Time for the Money," "The Good Time," "Christopher Columbus and Diamond City."

Tommy Atkins Puts Flynn In The Shade

The man who put the Forgotten Army back on the map, and Errol Flynn into the shade, has been on the warpath again.

This time David Macdonald, with the blessing of Winston Churchill and the collaboration of General Sir Gerald Templer and Sir Alexander Korda, has made one of the most exciting films yet.

It is a documentary of the battle against the terrorists in the jungles of Malaya, and the snatches I have seen are hair-raising in their intensity.

SO INTRIGUING
Celia Johnson, best actress British films have ever had, stepped back into the arena recently as one side of an intriguing film triangle. The others are Alec Guinness and Yvonne de Carlo. The film, *Paradise*, now being shot at Shepperton.

Celia is something to look forward to. Whenever she appears on the screen the standard of acting takes a big jump upwards.

Trouble is she acts so rarely for the films—only twice (I believe in *You and The Holy and the Ivy*) since 1940.

Reasons: Her husband, young family and Oxfordshire home, which take up a lot of time. "But I haven't been staying at home on purpose, though my family is the major attraction," Miss Johnson told me recently.

"It's simply that I don't believe in taking money for parts which seem bad to me. I'm not a good enough actress to bluff audiences when I don't believe in the character."

UNLUCKY HUSTON

Catalogue of disasters to John Huston, filming *Beat the Devil* in Italy with Humphrey Bogart and Jennifer Jones.

On the way to Rome he sprained a wrist, broke a bone in his hand; driving from Rome to Ravenna he suffered minor injuries in a car smash; in Ravenna his apartment was flooded after a storm; his bedroom door caught fire when an electric heater failed; and then he caught flu!

Says Huston: "Two months following the hounds across ditch and fence in Ireland—and I have to come to Italy to get into trouble!"

RATTIGAN AGAIN
With most of the London theatres playing safe with revivals in Coronation Year, it is heartening to hear that Terence Rattigan is rumored to have finished a new play. It is about another Coronation—that of George V in 1911. It is centred on the visit to London of European Royalty and the complications which arise over their public engagements and their private pleasures.

HIS TRADEMARK
Ever since he made *The Lodger* in 1926, director Alfred Hitchcock has added his trademark to his films by making a brief appearance in each, usually only for an instant.

In *I Confess*, his latest, Hitchcock is the first figure to be seen on the screen, albeit against the sky as he walks a broad iron staircase.

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"TAIPEI"	Japan	25th Mar.	

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G. "PATROCLUS"	Sailed	16th Mar.	
S. "AUTOLYCUS"	do	27th Mar.	
G. "LAOMEDON"	do	2nd Apr.	
S. "ANTIOCHUS"	do	7th Apr.	
G. "PATROCLUS"	do	13th Mar.	
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"BENARTY"	U.K. via Singapore	9th Apr.	
"BENAVON"	U.K. via Singapore	10th Apr.	
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TO	DUE		
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"BENLAVERS"	Direct to Singapore, thence Havre, London and Rotterdam	4th Apr.	
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Application Forms (I.R. Form 76) will be supplied on request to this Department.

2. Discontinuance of Business, etc.

Taxpayers are reminded that under Section 51(6) of the Inland Revenue Ordinance, they are required to notify the Commissioner if they discontinue any business, profession or employment or the ownership of any property. Such notice is required to be given within one month after the discontinuance.

P. D. A. CHIDELL, Acting Commissioner of Inland Revenue.

2nd February, 1953.

NOTICE

The Second Annual Meeting of THE MISSION TO LEPROS HONG KONG AUXILIARY will be held on Thursday, 5th March, 1953. The meeting is open to the general public.

At 5:15 p.m. in ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL Special Evensong Service

At 6:40 p.m. in HELENA MAY INSTITUTE (Garden Road)

Business Meeting: Report for 1952—Accounts—Election of Council for 1953.

At 6:20 showing of colour pictures of the Hay Ling Chau Leprosarium.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixty-Fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Chung Tin Building, First Floor, Hongkong, on Thursday, 2nd April, 1953, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1952, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS

of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 19th March, 1953 until Thursday, 2nd April, 1953, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors, SHEWAN TOMES & CO., LTD., R. V. Lederhofer Director General Managers

Hongkong, 2nd Mar., 1953.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

m/v "AGANEMNON"

Damaged cargo on this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at Holt's Wharf from 10 a.m. on March 7, 1953, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, March 4, 1953.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

m/v "ALCANTARA"

Damaged cargo on this vessel will be surveyed at Holt's Wharf from 10 a.m. and Noon on March 6 and 7, 1953, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

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Hongkong, March 4, 1953.

NOTICE

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-First Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Friday, 6th March, 1953, at Noon for the following purposes:—

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1952, and the Auditors' Report thereon.

2. To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1952.

3. To elect Directors.

4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 21st February, 1953 to 6th March, 1953, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, G. B. S. THOMSON, Secretary

Hongkong, 11th Feb., 1953.

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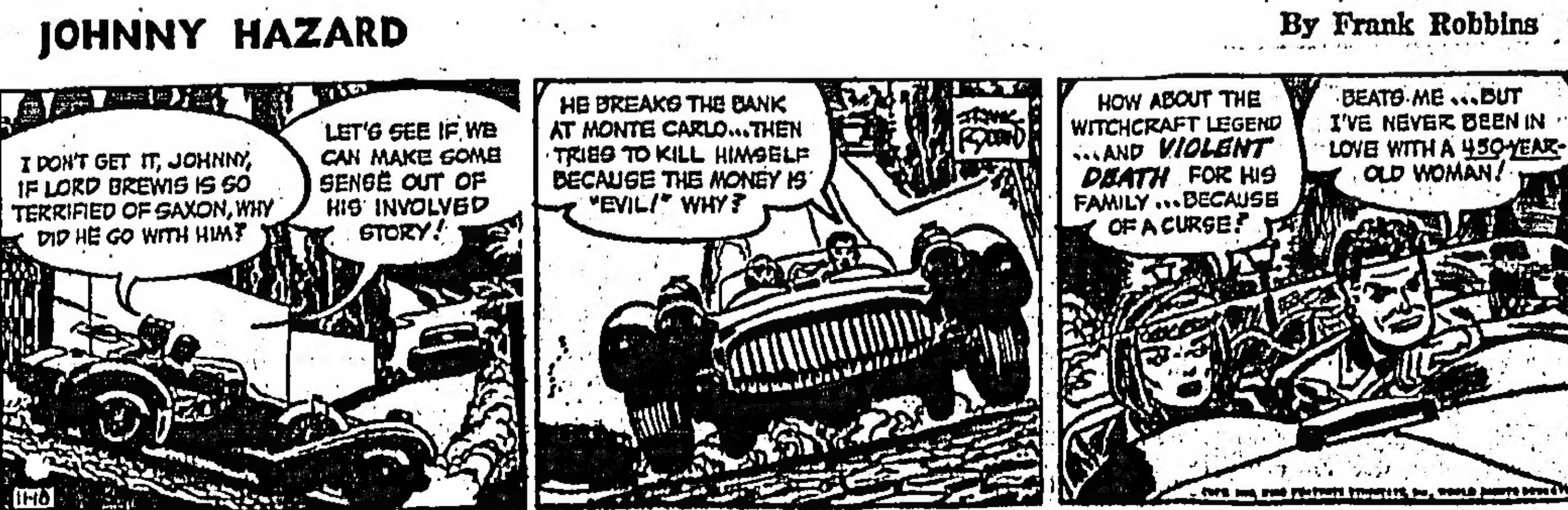
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Plan Mosque In London

London, Mar. 3. Plans to build a Mosque at the Islamic Cultural Centre in London were discussed today by heads of diplomatic missions of Moslem countries in Britain. Dr Subandrio, Indonesian Ambassador and newly-elected chairman of the Islamic Society in Britain, presided. An Indonesian Embassy spokesman said that the diplomatic missions of the Moslem countries had decided to contribute toward the fund for the building of the mosque. Countries represented at today's meeting included Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Jordan, Syria, the Lebanon, the Yemen, Pakistan and Indonesia.—Reuter.

Social Survey Of Tribes

Kampala, Uganda, Mar. 3. A survey of the social background of African tribes is to be undertaken by the Scientific Council for Africa South of the Sahara, which concluded a four-day conference here today. Six countries were represented at the meeting—France, Belgium, Portugal, South Africa, Southern Rhodesia and Britain. The Council is a body of sociologists, anthropologists and other scientists.—Reuter.

MRS LUCE IS SWORN IN

Washington, Mar. 3. Former actress Mrs. Clara Booth Luce was sworn in today as American Ambassador to Italy before cinema and television cameras and an audience of about 100. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles told Mrs. Luce, who is also a former playwright and Congresswoman, that never before had a woman taken on such a responsible post in the Diplomatic Corps.—Reuter.

Synthetic Rubber Industry

Transfer To Private Ownership

Washington, Mar. 3. Transfer of the United States Government synthetic rubber industry to private ownership, officially recommended in a report here yesterday, will take about 15 months to complete after Congress has approved the measure.

This was disclosed today by Mr. Morten Johansen of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, who will be in charge of selling arrangements for the 20 plants which comprise the industry.

Under the transfer plan a Government disposal agency would negotiate sales with prospective buyers—presumably the present occupying firms—and make a fair price.

Such sales would be subject to Congressional approval. The proposed sale would be advertised and the disposal agency would ask for offers within 15 days of the advertisement's appearance.

GIVEN 60 DAYS

After a sale had been arranged Congress would be given time, probably 60 days, to object before the deal became final. Officials of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation declined to say what the Government hoped to get for its synthetic rubber industry.

Republican Congressman Paul Shafer, leading advocate of the sale, had earlier suggested "scheduling in excess of \$350 million."

Yesterday's report from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, which administers the industry to be offered for sale, said the selling price of synthetic rubber from privately-owned plants offered a wide area for speculation but there was no way at present of making an accurate forecast of such a price.

"It would seem likely, however, that for some period of time subsequent to disposal, the price of privately-produced synthetic rubber would exceed the Government's present pricing policy continues to prevail," yesterday's report said.

NO THREAT

The RFC selling price for synthetic rubber is 23 cents a pound, while natural rubber at New York is about 27 cents.

The report noted that a Malayan rubber industry publication, "Natural Rubber News" for January 1953, estimated the prospective price of privately-produced synthetic would range up to 30 cents a pound.

"There can, of course, be no valid forecasts of the future price of natural rubber," the report said.

"The volume of demand for synthetic rubber will not be threatened" by price competition from the natural product. Rather it may be assumed that the two materials, so long as they remain substantially interchangeable in use, will find a market at generally competitive prices.

"While the rubber-producing areas of Southeast Asia are attempting modifications in their rubber culture design to improve both the yield of their plantings and the quality of their product, the progress that has been made in this country in the last dozen years gives assurance that in a contest of technologies synthetic rubber has nothing to fear from the natural product."

FUTURE DEMAND

The report said that voluntary consumption of synthetic in the year 1952 was 800,500 long tons, of which 717,000 long tons were Government-produced for general purpose and butyl.

Butyl is used mostly for the manufacture of inner tubes for tires.

In 1952 the RFC had about 700 synthetic rubber customers, with the 20 largest domestic type companies accounting for 77 per cent of sales.

Referring to the future demand for rubber, natural and synthetic, the report quoted the Fairley Report on materials of June 1952, which estimated the consumption by 1975 would be five million long tons.

It used rubber industry estimates in predicting consumption by 1958 would be 2.0 million tons and natural rubber output at 1.7 million tons, leaving a "deficit" of .3 million tons to be made up by production of synthetic rubber.—Reuter.

Seeds And Oils

New York, Mar. 3. Prices in the seeds and oils market closed unchanged with the following exceptions: Peanut oil, per lb. 1.0-b. New York, 24 cents. Flax seeds, per bushel, 1.0-b. Minneapolis. \$3.00.—United Press.

London Stock Exchange Lifts Veil

GALLERY FOR PUBLIC

(FROM A FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENT)

The London Stock Exchange has come far since the days when stockbrokers met to transact their business in Jonathan's Coffee House, in Change Alley.

But though the history of dealings in company shares in Britain goes back to the end of the 17th Century, the Stock Exchange, and everything connected with it, remains to many, an impenetrable mystery.

This mystic veil will soon be lifted for work is about to begin on the construction of a gallery, overlooking the floor of the "House" from which members of the public will be permitted to watch something of the workings of this famous institution.

This concession to our inquiring age marks a break with the Stock Exchange's long tradition of exclusiveness.

The older generation of stockbrokers can still recall the ignominious fate which overcame strangers who violated the privacy of their "House."

In those days, there were exactly 1,399 members. The presence of a stranger in their midst gave rise to the cry of "Fourteen hundred!" whereupon business stopped, the interloper was seized, none too gently, and ejected, minus, as often as not, his trousers.

Stockbrokers' lead, on the whole, a fairly quiet life, and this break from the usual routine of the "House" was no doubt welcomed as an amusing and harmless diversion. But it did nothing to inspire public confidence in an institution which directly or indirectly affects the lives of millions of innocent "strangers."

MISTAKEN IDEA

On the contrary, its rough treatment of outsiders confirmed many people in the belief that the Stock Exchange had something to hide.

Once that idea took hold, it was easy for its enemies to prey upon public gullibility. Nowadays, a good deal of the criticism levelled at the Stock Exchange, can be discounted as ill-informed gossip or malicious propaganda.

Yet, despite the efforts of its own members to minimise the opportunities that existed, in the bad old days, for abuses of the public trust, the idea persists that what goes on behind its carefully guarded doors is something akin to a secret society gathering.

The rising generation of stockbrokers naturally resent this suggestion—that there is something sinister about their calling. And they point out, with some force, that at least part of the blame rests on the Stock Exchange itself. For criticism that is based on ignorance cannot be fought from behind closed doors.

The Council of the Stock Exchange, an august body whose work is law along Threadneedle Street, have made important concessions to this view. Partly to appease its own critics and partly to satisfy public curiosity, it permitted sightseers to visit the "House," outside business hours, during the Festival of Britain season in 1951. The experiment was a success and week-end sightseeing was again permitted last year.

PUBLIC GALLERY

Meanwhile, the Council had applied for and been refused a licence to build a public gallery. But having once embarked on this course, they were determined to see the project through. Their second application was granted, and the necessary work has now been put in hand. When the gallery is completed, members of the public will, for the first time, see—at least presuming, hear—what goes on in the "House" during business hours.

But, what, it may be asked, will the public see when they look down from the gallery? And what is the significance of it all, anyway?

The scene will be no more exciting—or mysterious—than that on almost any day of the week, in a public market place. But instead of housewives buying from shopkeepers, brokers will be dealing in stocks and shares with "jobbers."

Even this much, however, may not be deduced by the uninitiated sightseer. He will see a number of soberly-dressed gentlemen standing around in little groups, apparently doing nothing, but jotting down notes on scraps of paper. If he stays long enough, he may witness a slight flurry and hear a raising of voices among one of these groups, indicating a quickening of interest in a particular section of the market.

He will probably leave, after this, little wiser for his experiences but, it is to be hoped, reassured that, at least, the Stock Exchange is not a place where

"wicked financiers" perform mysterious rites to Mammon. As for the significance of all he sees, this is beyond the scope of this article. But some of the misunderstanding which still attaches to the activities of the Stock Exchange may be cleared up if the market place analogy is carried a little further.

The financing of industry on the scale that we know it today requires vast amounts of money, which must be forthcoming in a fairly constant stream. It must, moreover, be directed into the various concerns by which it is needed—and, once there, it must not be withdrawn.

This basic requirement is common to all business ventures, whether they are small enterprises, needing only a few thousand pounds, or vast concerns needing millions. But, except in rare cases, capital on the required scale can only be obtained by inviting individual savers, large and small, to lend their money to people they have never seen, or perhaps even heard of, in return for a promise of a share in the profits of the business concerned.

Provided the hopes of reward are great enough to offset the risk of capital loss, the investing public will usually accept an offer to buy shares in a business—even though they may know nothing about it beyond the fact that it produces shoes or ocean liners. It is extremely doubtful, however, whether they would do so unless machinery existed whereby their shares could be converted at any time back into hard cash. The Stock Exchange is the institution which provides this machinery. It is the market place where shares and certain other types of securities are bought and sold.

HOW IT IS DONE

Members of the public, however, are not permitted to deal in this market place. If an investor wishes to sell £100 of shares in, say, Imperial Chemical Industries, he instructs his stockbroker accordingly. The broker then goes to the Stock Exchange, makes his way to the group of men that constitute the "mercantile market."

There, having first judged where the best bargain is to be obtained, he sells £100 of I.C.I. shares to a jobber, who will later, through another broker, find a customer for them.

This is what a visitor to the Stock Exchange will soon be able to see for himself from the public gallery. He will see no shares change hands. A note will be made of the "bargain" by the broker and the jobber concerned, but the actual exchange of shares for cash will not take place until later.

Its market place activities, therefore, ensure a steady flow of money for permanent investment in industry, without which no business could expand beyond the limits imposed by its own resources. But this is only one of the many important functions of the Stock Exchange.

By bringing together the people who want to borrow money and those who have money to lend, it also provides the means whereby the British Government, local municipalities, foreign governments, companies and a host of other long-term borrowers can raise fresh capital, quickly and cheaply.

Only a little of this vast machinery will be seen by the visitor. But the Stock Exchange will have nothing to regret if the raising of the curtain of secrecy on even a small part of its activities dispels some of the suspicion which now surrounds it.

Jap Mission To Persia

Baghdad, Mar. 3. A Japanese Government Economic mission left today for Tehran after a four-day survey of Iraq's trade and economic situation. It will return for official negotiations a trade and barter agreement with Iraq after similar surveys in Persia and Turkey.—Reuter.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$452,124.25. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions—

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

DANKS	11K Bank XD	1350	20	1355
INSURANCES	East Asia	145		
SHIPPING	Union	700	3.30	62
DOCKS, ETC.	Underwriters	140	11000	1.45
LAND, ETC.	K. Wharf	77	6.40	1000
	Dock	19.20	1000	19
	Provident	12.00	13	1500
	Wholesale	7.30	6200	71
	400			7.30
	7.55	7.70	3000	7.55
	HK Land (S)	52		
	Stud Land	12.00	1.55	1500
UTILITIES	Tram	21.00	500	21.70
	Star Ferry XD	100		
	Light (S)	9.30	6.33	455
	Electric (N)	4	6.65	
	Electric	23.40	21.2	1620
	Telephone XD	17.80		
INDUSTRIALS	Central XD	151		
	18.50			
STOCKS, ETC.	Dairy	19.10	20	1100
	Wabaco	24	1000	24
	Crawford	27.00		
COTTONS	Raw	240	21	

Ceylon's Deal With Red China

Colombo, Mar. 3. Ceylon's "rubber for rice" trade pact with China is working because "the Commonwealth is behind us," Mr. Richard Senanayake, the Trade and Commerce Minister, said last night.

"It is British ships that bring us our China rice," he told a meeting here.

"If our country needs finances and foods, we must obtain them," he said.

The China transaction had added an extra 100,000,000 rupees (about £7,500,000) to the national funds.

Apparently referring to American protests, Mr. Senanayake said: "It seems that the test of democratic government is not whether it serves the people, but whether it is subservient to one or other of the world power blocs."

(Mr. Averell Harriman, retiring United States Foreign Aid Chief, told Congress on January 17 that Ceylon had concluded the deal with the Communists after spurning a U.S. offer.)

He expressed his "critical concern" over Ceylon's export of rubber to Communist China.—Reuter.

Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, Mar. 3. Chicago grains were mixed with other leading commodities. Wheat eased with reports of further beneficial rains in the southwest belt. Wheat closed 3/4 to 1/2 lower and soybeans were 3/4 lower to 1/2 higher. Prices closed as follows:—

Wheat—price per bushel	
Spot	2.23 1/2 nominal
March	2.24 1/2-1/4
May	2.26 7/8-2/8
July	2.31 1/2
September	2.33 1/2
December	2.37 1/2
Corn	
Spot	1.59 1/2
March	1.59 1/2-1/4
May	1.60 1/2-1/4
July	1.63 1/2-1/4
September	1.65 1/2-1/4
December	1.69 1/2 asked
Rye	
March	1.77 1/2 nominal
Oats	
March	1.34 1/2-1/4
May	1.35 1/2-1/4
July	1.36 1/2-1/4
September	1.37 1/2-1/4
December	1.38 1/2-1/4

New York, Mar. 3. The tin market was dull today. Turnover was five tons, all for cash. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:—

Spot tin, buyers	920
Spot tin, sellers	920
Business done	920
Three-month tin, buyers	943
Three-month tin, sellers	943
Business done at	943
Settlement	943

United Press.

TOURIST TRADE RECEIPTS

Venice, Mar. 3. Tourist trade contributed 180,000,000 lire to the Italian national income in 1952, according to a survey of the Italian Government-controlled tourist office.

The survey disclosed that in the past year a total of 6,100,000 foreign tourists visited the country as compared to 5,405,000 in 1951, when tourist trade swelled the State's exchequer with 150,000,000,000 lire.

The Italian tourist office estimated that 20 per cent of the huge sums spent by foreign tourists in Italy last year was contributed by American tourists.

ENTY, the Italian tourist agency, pointed out in its survey that the Financial Times prediction that 350,000 Americans would visit Europe in 1953 was largely deficient as almost 390,000 U.S. tourists came to Italy in the past year.

Venice, the "Queen of the Adriatic," was one of the top beneficiaries of the tourist traffic last year. The survey figured that both Italian and foreign visitors spent in the city of canals about 13,000,000,000 lire with foreign contribution placed at around 9,000,000,000 lire.

The average stay of 315,000 foreigners and the 267,000 Italians who visited Venice last year was 2.57 days.

The nationalities represented in last year's tourist traffic were American, Swiss, French, Austrian, British and German. Other less consistent nationality groups were not listed by the tourist office.—United Press.

The Rubber Markets

Singapore, Mar. 3. Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, per lb.	77 1/2
May	78 1/2
June	79 1/2
July	80 1/2
Number 2 rubber, April	69 1/2
Number 3 rubber, April	67 1/2
No. 4 rubber, April	65 1/2
Blanket crepe	67 1/2-68 1/2
No. 1 pale crepe	61-62

United Press.

NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Mar. 3. Rubber futures closed today 10 to 34 cents higher with sales totalling 71 contracts. The strength in futures was coupled with the firmness of outside markets. Spot dealers said higher prices caused factory buyers to shy away from the market. Prices closed today as follows:—

March	23 1/2 bid
April	23 1/2 bid
May	23 1/2 bid
June	23 1/2 bid
July	23 1/2 bid
September	23 1/2 bid
December	23 1/2 nominal
March	23 1/2 nominal
Spot	27 1/2

United Press.

LONDON MARKET

London, Mar. 3. The rubber market was steady today. Prices closed as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, in pence	23 1/2
April	23 1/2-23 3/4
May	23 1/2-23 3/4
June	23 1/2-23 3/4
July	23 1/2-23 3/4
September	23 1/2-23 3/4
December	23 1/2-23 3/4
October/December	23 1/2-23 3/4

United Press.

JAPANESE BONDS

London, Mar. 3. Japanese bonds (4 1/2% of 1950) 63 1/2; (4 1/2% of 1951) 71 1/2; (4 1/2% of 1952) 71 1/2; (4 1/2% of 1953) 103 1/2; (4 1/2% of 1954) 140; Consols 69 1/2.—United Press.

Copra Quotation

New York, Mar. 4. Copra was quoted today at \$220.25 per short ton, asked, for prompt shipment, c.i.f. the West Coast. Coconut oil was quoted at 17 1/2 cents a pound, asked.—United Press.

United Press.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 1953, at 10 p.m.

Passengers are requested to board the vessel with their Cabin baggage on the 8th March between 5 and 9 p.m.

Baggage room and hold baggage will be registered at the Kowloon Godown No. 50 (No. 2 Gate, Canton Road entrance) on the 7th March from 10 a.m. to noon, and from 2 to 5 p.m. and on the 8th March from 10 a.m. to noon only.

No baggage will be registered after that time. Our passenger department will remain open Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, the 7th and 8th March, during office hours.

Compagnie Des Messageries Maritimes Queen's Building. Tel: 20051 (3 lines).

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Proposal to change a Ship's name.

We CHING YAM TING and LEONG AH KWEE both of Rooms Nos. 418/420 Alexandra Building, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, hereby give notice that in consequence of a change of ownership, we have applied to the Minister of Transport under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the Lighter "INDO-CHINA O XXIV" of HONG KONG REGISTRY Official Number 165866, Gross tonnage 293.54 tons, Register tonnage 293.54 tons, formerly owned by The Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited of Hong Kong for permission to change her name to "PACIFIC ENTERPRISE" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of HONG KONG as owned by us the said Ching Yam Ting and Leong Ah Kwee as Joint Owners.

Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the REGISTRAR OF SHIPPING at HONG KONG within SEVEN days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at HONG KONG the 2nd day of March, 1953.

(Sd.) CHING YAM TING and LEONG AH KWEE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees per AUSTRALIA-WEST PACIFIC LINE m.s. "ARON"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. godown where it will be at consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godown for examination by Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clark at 10 a.m. on the 6th March, 1953.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 8th March, 1953, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-Signed on or before the 10th March, 1953, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. DODWELL & CO., LTD. Agents. Hongkong, 4th March, 1953.

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MESSAGERIES MARITIMES



PASSENGERS/FREIGHT SERVICE

Outwards	Leaves	Due	For
"TEIX ROUSSEL"	Leaves Hongkong	20-22 Apr.	Manila
Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	20-22 Apr.	Manila
"LA MARSEILLAISE"	Leaves Hongkong	20-22 Apr.	Manila
"FELIX ROUSSEL"	Leaves Hongkong	20-22 Apr.	Manila
via Marseilles to all Mediterranean & West African ports, via Djibouti to Madagascar.			

FREIGHT SERVICE

Outwards	Leaves	Due	Hongkong	For
"MEINAM"	.....Dunkirk-sailed	3	Apr.	Japan
Homewards	Leaves	Due	Hongkong	For
"FRY HILL"	.....Keelung—7	Mar.	9-10	Mar.
"COURCELLES"	.....Keelung—3	Apr.	8	Apr.
"MEINAM"	.....Keelung—28	Apr.	30	Apr.
† Saigon, Marseilles, Algiers, Oran, Tangiers, Casablanca, Le Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Dunkirk				

